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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Field Hockey (G V)	at Cushing (Scrimmage).....(A)	3:00
Soccer (B V)	MIDDLESEX (Scrimmage).....(H)	4:00
Soccer (G V)	MIDDLESEX (Scrimmage).....(H)	4:00
Volleyball (G V)	at St. Paul's (Scrimmage).....(A)	3:00

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Field Hockey (G V)	at Thayer.....(A)	12:00
Football (B V)	at Cushing (Scrimmage).....(A)	2:00
Soccer (B V)	at Holderness Jamboree.....(A)	1:00
Soccer (G V)	at Milton.....(A)	1:00
Volleyball (G V)	at North Quincy High.....(A)	1:00
Volleyball (G JV)	at North Quincy High.....(A)	1:00
Water Polo (B V)	at Loomis-Chaffee.....(A)	1:30
Water Polo (G V)	CHOATE/LOOMIS.....(H)	1:30

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Cross Country (G V)	BROOKS (Scrimmage).....(H)	3:30
Field Hockey (G V)	ST. MARK'S (Scrimmage).....(H)	3:00
Soccer (B V)	at Brooks (Scrimmage).....(A)	3:30
Soccer (B JV1)	at Milton.....(A)	3:30
Soccer (G V)	ST. MARK'S (Scrimmage).....(H)	3:00
Soccer (G JV1)	at Bishop Guertin.....(A)	4:00
Volleyball (G V)	at St. Paul's.....(A)	2:45
Volleyball (G JV)	at St. Paul's.....(A)	2:45
Water Polo (B V)	EXETER.....(H)	3:00
Water Polo (JV)	EXETER.....(H)	4:00

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Field Hockey (G JV1)	BROOKWOOD SCHOOL.....(H)	3:30
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Cross Country (B V)	at Manchester Invitational.....(A)	TBA
Cross Country (G V)	at Manchester Invitational.....(A)	TBA
Field Hockey (G V)	LOOMIS-CHAFFEE.....(H)	2:00
Field Hockey (G JV1)	LOOMIS-CHAFFEE.....(H)	3:15
Football (B V)	TAFT.....(H)	3:00
Soccer (B V)	LOOMIS-CHAFFEE.....(H)	2:00
Soccer (B JV1)	LOOMIS-CHAFFEE.....(H)	2:00
Soccer (B JV2)	LOOMIS-CHAFFEE.....(H)	2:00
Soccer (G V)	LOOMIS-CHAFFEE.....(H)	2:00
Soccer (G JV1)	LOOMIS-CHAFFEE.....(H)	2:00
Soccer (G JV2)	LOOMIS-CHAFFEE.....(H)	2:00
Volleyball (G V)	LOOMIS-CHAFFEE.....(H)	2:00
Volleyball (G JV)	LOOMIS-CHAFFEE.....(H)	2:00
Water Polo (B V)	at Deerfield/Exeter/Hotchk.....(A)	2:00
Water Polo (G V)	LOOMIS-CHAFFEE.....(H)	2:00

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Cross Country (B V)	BELMONT HILL.....(H)	3:00
Field Hockey (G V)	NOBLE & GREENOUGH.....(H)	3:15
Field Hockey (G JV1)	NOBLE & GREENOUGH.....(H)	4:30
Field Hockey (G JV2)	at Methuen High School.....(A)	3:30

Football (B JV1)	CUSHING.....(H)	2:45
Soccer (B V)	at Holderness.....(A)	3:30
Soccer (B JV2)	at Belmont Hill.....(A)	2:45
Soccer (G V)	THAYER.....(H)	3:15
Soccer (G JV1)	THAYER.....(H)	3:15
Soccer (G JV2)	GROTON.....(H)	3:15
Volleyball (G V)	at Chelmsford (scrimmage).....(A)	3:00
Volleyball (G JV)	at Chelmsford (scrimmage).....(A)	3:00
Water Polo (B V)	ST. JOHN'S (SCRIMMAGE).....(H)	3:30

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Field Hockey (G JV2)	ANDOVER FRESHMAN.....(H)	4:00
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Cross Country (B V)	at Baystate Invitational.....(A)	TBA
Cross Country (G V)	at Baystate Invitational.....(A)	TBA
Field Hockey (G V)	at Tabor.....(A)	2:30
Field Hockey (G JV1)	at Tabor.....(A)	3:45
Football (B V)	at Hotchkiss.....(A)	3:00
Soccer (B V)	at Tabor.....(A)	2:30
Soccer (B JV1)	at Tabor.....(A)	2:30
Soccer (G V)	at Tabor.....(A)	2:30
Soccer (G JV1)	at Tabor.....(A)	2:30
Volleyball (G V)	DRACUT HIGH (Scrimmage).....(H)	10:00
Volleyball (G JV)	DRACUT HIGH (Scrimmage).....(H)	10:00

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

Field Hockey (G V)	GOVERNOR DUMMER.....(H)	3:15
Field Hockey (G JV1)	GOVERNOR DUMMER.....(H)	4:30
Field Hockey (G JV2)	at Chelmsford.....(A)	3:30
Football (B JV1)	HYDE SCHOOL.....(H)	3:30
Soccer (B V)	ST. JOHN'S.....(H)	3:45
Soccer (B JV1)	ST. JOHN'S.....(H)	3:45
Soccer (B JV2)	MASCONOMET.....(H)	3:15
Soccer (G V)	B.B. & N.....(H)	3:15
Soccer (G JV1)	B.B. & N.....(H)	3:15
Volleyball (G V)	NORTH READING HIGH.....(H)	3:30
Volleyball (G JV)	NORTH READING HIGH.....(H)	3:30

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

Field Hockey (G JV2)	BROOKWOOD SCHOOL(JV).....(H)	3:30
Soccer (B V)	at Babson.....(A)	5:30
Soccer (B JV2)	GROTON.....(H)	3:30

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

Cross Country (B V)	at Thetford/Choate.....(A)	TBA
Cross Country (G V)	CHOATE/THETFORD.....(H)	3:30
Field Hockey (G V)	CHOATE.....(H)	3:30
Field Hockey (G JV1)	CHOATE.....(H)	4:15
Football (B V)	CHOATE.....(H)	3:30
Soccer (B JV1)	NORTH READING HIGH.....(H)	2:00
Soccer (B JV2)	ANDOVER FRESHMEN.....(H)	2:00
Soccer (G V)	CHOATE.....(H)	3:30

Soccer (G JV1)	CHOATE.....(H)	3:30
Soccer (G JV2)	ANDOVER FRESHMEN.....(H)	2:00
Volleyball (G V)	GR. LAWRENCE VOC.....(H)	2:00
Water Polo (B V)	CHOATE/NMH/EXETER.....(H)	3:30
Water Polo (G V)	Choate/Lawrenceville/Drfd.....(A)	4:00

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

Field Hockey (G V)	at St. Paul's.....(A)	2:45
Field Hockey (G JV1)	at Shore Country Day.....(A)	3:00
Football (B JV1)	PROCTOR (9TH/10TH).....(H)	3:00
Soccer (B V)	BRIDGTON ACADEMY.....(H)	3:30
Soccer (B JV2)	WARING SCHOOL.....(H)	3:45
Soccer (G V)	HOLDERNESS.....(H)	3:30
Soccer (G JV2)	at Concord-Carlisle High.....(A)	3:30
Soccer (G JV3)	CHELMSFORD FRESHMAN.....(H)	3:30
Volleyball (G V)	at Cushing.....(A)	3:00
Volleyball (G JV)	at Cushing.....(A)	4:15
Waterpolo (G V)	at N.M.H.....(A)	3:30

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

Field Hockey (G JV2)	METHUEN HIGH SCHOOL.....(H)	3:30
Soccer (B JV3)	BROOKS.....(H)	3:30
Soccer (G V)	TUFTS.....(H)	3:45

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

Field Hockey (G V)	at K.U.A.....(A)	1:30
Field Hockey (G JV1)	at K.U.A.....(A)	2:45
Football (B V)	at Kent.....(A)	2:30
Soccer (B V)	CHOATE.....(H)	2:30
Soccer (B JV1)	CHOATE.....(H)	2:30
Soccer (B JV2)	at North Reading High.....(A)	2:00
Soccer (G JV1)	at North Reading High.....(A)	2:00
Water Polo (B V)	at Suffield/Deerfield.....(A)	3:00
Water Polo (G V)	at Williston Northhampton.....(A)	3:30

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

Field Hockey (G V)	at Harvard.....(A)	3:30
Soccer (B V)	at Tufts.....(A)	4:00
Soccer (B JV1)	MALDEN CATHOLIC HIGH.....(H)	3:30
Soccer (B JV2)	at Andover Freshman.....(A)	3:30
Soccer (G V)	at Harvard.....(A)	3:30
Soccer (G JV1)	at Masconomet.....(A)	3:15
Soccer (G JV2)	at Andover Freshmen.....(A)	3:30
Volleyball (G V)	EXETER.....(H)	2:30
Volleyball (G JV)	EXETER.....(H)	2:30
Water Polo (B V)	ST. JOHN'S.....(H)	3:30

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

Soccer (G V)	N.M.H.....(H)	7:00
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

Cross Country (B V)	N.M.H.....(H)	1:30
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Cross Country (G V)	N.M.H.....(H)	1:30
Cross Country (G JV)	N.M.H.....(H)	1:30
Field Hockey (G V)	N.M.H.....(H)	1:30
Field Hockey (G JV1)	N.M.H.....(H)	2:45
Field Hockey (G JV2)	NO. ANDOVER HIGH.....(H)	2:00
Football (B V)	N.M.H.....(H)	1:30
Football (B JV1)	N.M.H.....(H)	2:00
Soccer (B V)	N.M.H.....(H)	1:45
Soccer (B JV1)	N.M.H.....(H)	1:30
Soccer (B JV2)	N.M.H.....(H)	3:00
Soccer (B JV3)	NO. ANDOVER HIGH.....(H)	1:45
Soccer (G JV1)	N.M.H.....(H)	1:45
Soccer (G JV2)	N.M.H.....(H)	3:00
Volleyball (G V)	N.M.H.....(H)	2:30
Volleyball (G JV)	N.M.H.....(H)	2:30
Water Polo (B V)	N.M.H.....(H)	1:30
Water Polo (G V)	N.M.H.....(H)	2:30

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

Field Hockey (G V)	B.B. & N.....(H)	3:15
Field Hockey (G JV1)	B.B. & N.....(H)	4:30
Field Hockey (G JV2)	CHELMSFORD.....(H)	3:15
Soccer (B V)	HARVARD.....(H)	3:30
Soccer (B JV1)	at North Reading High School.....(A)	3:00
Soccer (G V)	ST. PAUL'S.....(H)	3:00
Soccer (G JV1)	ST. PAUL'S.....(H)	3:00
Soccer (G JV2)	MIDDLESEX.....(H)	3:00
Volleyball (G V)	CUSHING.....(H)	3:00
Volleyball (G JV)	WINCHENDON SCHOOL.....(H)	3:00

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

Soccer (G JV3)	at Chelmsford.....(A)	3:45
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

Cross Country (B V)	at Deerfield.....(A)	2:15
Cross Country (G V)	at Deerfield.....(A)	1:45
Cross Country (G JV)	at Deerfield.....(A)	2:45
Field Hockey (G V)	at Deerfield.....(A)	1:30
Field Hockey (G JV1)	at Deerfield.....(A)	2:45
Field Hockey (G JV2)	at Deerfield.....(A)	1:30
Football (B V)	at Deerfield.....(A)	2:00
Football (B JV1)	at Deerfield.....(A)	1:30
Soccer (B V)	at Deerfield.....(A)	2:30
Soccer (B JV1)	at Deerfield.....(A)	2:00
Soccer (B JV2)	at Deerfield.....(A)	1:30
Soccer (B JV3)	at Deerfield.....(A)	1:30
Soccer (G V)	at Deerfield.....(A)	2:30
Soccer (G JV1)	at Deerfield.....(A)	2:00
Soccer (G JV2)	at Deerfield.....(A)	1:30
Volleyball (G V)	at Deerfield.....(A)	1:30
Volleyball (G JV)	at Deerfield.....(A)	3:00

Water Polo (B V)	at Deerfield.....(A)	2:45
Water Polo (G V)	at Deerfield.....(A)	1:30
Water Polo (JV)	at Deerfield.....(A)	4:00

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

Field Hockey (G V)	MIDDLESEX.....(H)	2:30
Field Hockey (G JV1)	MIDDLESEX.....(H)	3:45
Field Hockey (G JV2)	BROOKS.....(H)	3:00
Soccer (B V)	MOSES BROWN.....(H)	3:00
Soccer (G V)	NOBLE & GREENOUGH.....(H)	3:15
Soccer (G JV1)	NOBLE & GREENOUGH.....(H)	3:15
Soccer (G JV2)	PIKE SCHOOL.....(H)	3:00
Soccer (G JV3)	at Groton.....(A)	3:00
Volleyball (G V)	ST. PAUL'S.....(H)	3:00
Volleyball (G JV)	ST. PAUL'S.....(H)	3:00
Water Polo (B V)	at Exeter.....(A)	5:00
Water Polo (G V)	at Loomis-Chaffee.....(A)	3:45
Water Polo (JV)	at Exeter.....(A)	4:00

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

Soccer (B V)	CUSHING.....(H)	4:00
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Cross Country (B V)	EXETER.....(H)	2:30
Cross Country (G V)	EXETER.....(H)	2:45
Cross Country (G JV)	EXETER.....(H)	2:45
Field Hockey (G V)	PINGREE.....(H)	2:00
Field Hockey (G JV1)	PINGREE.....(H)	3:15
Football (B V)	MARSHFIELD HIGH.....(H)	TBA
Soccer (B JV1)	CONCORD ACADEMY (V).....(H)	2:15
Soccer (B JV2)	CONCORD ACADEMY (JV).....(H)	2:15
Soccer (G V)	at K.U.A.....(A)	2:45
Volleyball (G V)	at N.M.H.....(A)	3:15
Volleyball (G JV)	at N.M.H.....(A)	3:15
Water Polo (JV)	Tournament.....(A)	TBA

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Field Hockey (G V)	at Windsor.....(A)	3:00
Field Hockey (G JV1)	EXETER.....(H)	2:45
Field Hockey (G JV2)	at Groton.....(A)	3:00
Football (B JV1)	EXETER.....(H)	2:45
Soccer (B V)	NEW HAMPTON.....(H)	2:30
Soccer (B JV1)	EXETER.....(H)	2:45
Soccer (G V)	at Windsor.....(A)	3:00
Soccer (G JV1)	EXETER.....(H)	2:45
Volleyball (G V)	at Worcester.....(A)	3:00
Volleyball (G JV)	EXETER.....(H)	2:45

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Cross Country (B V)	Interschols (Choate).....(A)	TBA
Cross Country (G V)	Interschols (Choate).....(A)	TBA
Field Hockey (G V)	at Exeter.....(A)	1:30
Football (B V)	at Exeter.....(A)	3:30

Soccer (B V)	at Exeter.....(A)	12:00
Soccer (G V)	at Exeter.....(A)	2:00
Volleyball (G V)	at Exeter.....(A)	12:30
Water Polo (B V)	at Interschols (Deerfield).....(A)	TBA

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Volleyball (G V)	at Tournament.....(A)	TBA
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Jon Stableford, Coach

GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY

Sari Edelstein & Allison Jay, Captains
Nancy Lang, Coach

FIELD HOCKEY

TBA, Captain
Kate Dolan, Coach

FOOTBALL

Tony Dent & Kyle O'Brien, Captains
Leon Modeste, Coach

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GIRLS' SOCCER

Alicia Dermody & Heather Gotha, Captains
Lisa Pimentel, Coach

VOLLEYBALL

Margaret Cantrell, Captain
Kathy Henderson, Coach

BOYS' WATER POLO

Piers Platt, Captain
Paul Murphy, Coach

GIRLS' WATER POLO

Anne Bartlett & Caitlin Murphy, Captains
Cindy Efinger, Coach

Soccer (B V)	at Exeter	(A)	12:00
Soccer (G V)	at Exeter	(A)	2:00
Volleyball (G V)	at Exeter	(A)	12:30
Water Polo (B V)	at Interschols (Deerfield)	(A)	TBA

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Volleyball (G V)	at Tournament.....	(A)	TBA
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SPORT: CROSS COUNTRY - BOYS

YEAR: 1997-98

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HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: Jon Stableford
ASSISTANT COACHES:

SEASON RECORD

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Arensberg, William A. A. *Letter*
Berman, Jacob S. *Winners*
Dinneen, Colin B.
Dwyer, Angus W.
Friedman, John N. (cc)
Hamilton, William B.
Hedges, Christopher J.
✓ Hsu, Andrew R.
Okike, Nnamdi D. (cc)
Phillips, Benjamin T.
Sand, Christopher D.
✓ Spring, Kurt R.
Upson, Grant P.
Washburn, Hunter D.

BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY - 1997

			PA	OPP
Sat., Sept. 20	Manchester Invitational	(A)	No	team score
Wed., Sept. 24	Belmont Hill	(H)	19	40
Sat., Sept. 27	N.M.H.	(A)	23	36
Sat., Oct. 4	Thetford/Choate	(A)	31	24
Fri., Oct. 10	B B & N	(A)	24	33
	St. Paul's		27	29
	Belmont Hill		15	48
Sat., Oct. 18	N.M.H.	(H)	22	38
Sat., Oct. 25	Deerfield	(A)	20	40
Sat., Nov. 1	Exeter	(H)	18	40
	JVs		15	50
Sat., Nov. 8	Interschols at Choate		3rd	place

John Friedman '98

"We have a lot of potential that needs to be realized, but winning Interschols will depend on how we improve as a team"

by Andy Butler and Jason Gimbel
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATES

As the leader of the Andover cross country team, John Friedman '98 figures prominently in the squad's defense of the NEPSAC title. After the departure of many key individuals, the prosperity of this year's squad was uncertain, but with Friedman's unprecedented second consecutive win at the Thetford Woods Trail Invitational this past Saturday and the team's consistent improvement, the full potential of this team is now coming into full view. For his extraordinary performance this week, Friedman has been awarded the distinction of Athlete of the Week.

Friedman was born in Belmont, MA, but moved five years later to nearby Cambridge. John attended Buckingham Browne and Nichols for eleven years, including his freshman year of high school. At BB&N, during ninth grade, John began his illustrious cross country career. Although the overall quality of the squad was below average, Friedman's natural running ability served as guidance for the team. While running in first position, John's performances only showed glimpses of the true ability that would soon come out of the closet. He did reasonably well in his races, the overall quality of his running lacked refinement. At the Independent School League Championships, John finished 16th overall, a decent place for a freshman.

However, to the disappointment of BB&N, Friedman felt that his former school lacked the resources to challenge him. John was interested in Andover and Exeter primarily, and in the end it was the independence which PA offered that swayed him to matriculate here for his lower year. Friedman loved the loose guidelines by which Andover is run. "The idea that the

school doesn't tell you when to do your homework is great....," stated John.

When he arrived on campus three years ago, John was well prepared for the change that would occur. As a Lower, his classes were "fun," yet "interesting." They challenged him sufficiently, without boring him to death. The tenth grade year is usually a relatively easy year, making for an

first position, John guided the team in countless races with teammate Nate Jutras '97. A win at the Thetford Woods Trail Invitational was an added bonus for Friedman.

Coming into senior year, co-captain Friedman was optimistic about the team's chance for a third consecutive title. "We have a lot of potential that needs to be realized, but winning Interschols will depend on how we

improve as a team," commented John. Again he is running in first position, leading the team with co-captain Namdi Okike '98. The team faced it's biggest competitor last weekend, when it raced Choate at home. The squad did not triumph, and the absence of Friedman (Thetford Invitational) was key in the defeat. However, PA ran a strong race and with the return of John, should be able to pose a threat in the future.

As an individual, Friedman has been getting stronger by the race. With wins in the Thetford Invitational two years in a row, John showed he can run with the best. During the regular season, Friedman hasn't found much competi-

tion, pulverizing his opponents by massive margins of time. Hopefully his improvement will continue, culminating in a win at the end of season championship.

As far as the future is concerned, Friedman has yet to decide on a college. He has shown interest in Harvard, Yale, and Princeton, but has made no final decision. He plans to make a visit to each school, and then will apply early to the school of his choice. No matter what school he attends in the future, he definitely desires to take his running to the next level. No matter where he continues his education and athletic career, Friedman is sure to dazzle cross country spectators (if there are any) around the country.



Photo / J. Mitchell

easier transition. Overall, the new atmosphere was a welcome change.

His first season on the cross country team proved a success as well. He ran third position, behind two greats, Darren Dineen '96 and Ted Gillick '96. The team won Interschols that year by thoroughly outclassing and outrunning the competition. In addition to winning the championship, Friedman gained a lot of experience from the aforementioned teammates. "They were so knowledgeable about the sport, I learn an amazing amount that year," said John.

The following year most of the team returned to defend the Prep Private title. Again the squad finished with the glory, capturing Interschols with Friedman at the helm. Running in

Seniors Friedman and Okike Lead Boys' Cross Country into Manchester Invitational

by Jake Berman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



Coming off last year's championship season, Andover cross-country runners arrived on campus last week to kick off what promises to be a rigorous and competitive season. Veteran racers were united with an influx of new, young runners, some taking up the sport for the first time. Despite having a younger squad this year, the team appears to have increased depth and a solid string of top varsity runners.

The team sustained the loss of several key runners from last season including Kanu Okike, Justin Skinner, Nate Jutras, and Andrew Beasely '98. However, with the acquisition of ninth grade prodigy Ben Phillips, and the return of a healthy Colin Dineen '99, the team's prospects look strong. "I anticipate another strong and productive season marked by growth and success at both the individual and team levels," says head coach Jon Stableford.

John Friedman '98 and Nnamdi Okike '98 return to captain the team this fall. Friedman feels the team is in good condition but says that much tough training remains between the runners and their peak fitness level. Also returning are varsity runners Andy Hsu '99, Hunter Washburn '00, Chris Sand '98, Jake Berman '98, Angus Dwyer '99, Grant Upson '98, assistant coach Mark Koolen, and training coach Don Barry. All runners endured the sweltering heat in a time trial last Tuesday afternoon. Despite the weather, results were promising with several runners shaving minutes off last season's time.

The race season begins this Saturday at the prestigious Manchester Invitational in Manchester, New Hampshire. Sixteen runners have been entered to compete at the varsity and JV levels including Friedman, who will return as the top seed. Following Manchester, the team returns home to face Belmont Hill in a dual meet on Wednesday and then travels to the Bay State Invitational in Franklin Park on the following weekend. Coach Stableford will then split the squad, sending some runners up to the annual Thetford Invitational in Vermont and keeping some home to host Choate.

Runners worked hard over the summer with some putting in as many as 35-50 miles each week. The team now faces a variety of rigorous speed workouts and long distance endurance runs. Stableford keeps the running itinerary interesting with a mix of trail, road, hill and meadow runs.

After a number of key injuries last season, Andover hopes to improve in '97 as its runners return stronger and healthier. Every afternoon, the team engages in a comprehensive stretching session to minimize the risk of injury.

The team is anxious to start racing and excited for another tremendous season as part of one of Andover's proudest athletic dynasties.

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Key 1997 Runners

John Friedman '98

Ben Phillips '01

Nnamdi Okike '98

Hunter Washburn '00

Colin Dunneen '99

Andy Hsu '99

Chris Sand '98

in Muggy Autumn Weather

9/26
by Jake Berman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



Boys' cross-country opened the competitive season with two drastically different races this past week. Results were mixed, but the team showed potential

for growth and no runners sustained serious, season-threatening injuries. Coach Stableford was pleased but told the team that they are now entering their toughest several weeks of training. The next month will entail heavier speed work-outs, longer mileage runs, and a rigorous racing schedule includes hosting Choate and racing St. Paul's.

The Manchester Invitational

Fifteen runners travelled to Manchester, New Hampshire last Saturday for one of the season's biggest meets. More than 35 schools, including two from California, attended the giant invitational for a total of over 2000 racers. Andover sent a varsity seven as well as a JV squad to compete.

Due to the hot, muggy weather and the particularly challenging course, race times were slow. Only co-captain Jon Friedman '98 finished in under 17:00 for the Blue, placing 13th with a respectable 16:54. Subsequently, the Andover finishers were Ben Phillips '01, Hunter Washburn '00, Colin Dineen '99, and co-captain Nnamdi Okike '98. Fresh out of diapers, the 14 year-old Phillips has the promise of becoming one of the first Andover runners in recent years to run under 17:00 as a freshman.

The story of the day was the medical evacuation of varsity runners Andy Hsu '99 and Chris Sand '98. Both suffered from extreme heat exhaustion and possible dehydration at race's end and were taken by paramedics to the Manchester hospital where they were rehydrated and they quickly recovered. Currently, Hsu and Sand are undergoing some final cardiovascular tests before rejoining the team.

Although the times were somewhat disappointing last Saturday, Coach Stableford remains optimistic, telling the team that there is plenty of time to improve for Exeter and Inter-

Belmont Hill

Andover returned home Wednesday to face a mediocre Belmont Hill team. The Blue dominated, taking places 1,3,4,5, and 6 in the varsity race. Friedman won the race by almost one full minute over Belmont Hill's marquee runner Joe Delgado, finishing in 16:25. Across the board, times were markedly better in the crisp, clear, autumnal weather, with six Andover runners finishing at or under 18:00. Following Friedman, Phillips and Washburn tied for third and Dineen finished fourth. Just seconds behind him was Okike, who held off two Belmont Hill runners for most of the race. Rounding out the varsity finishers were Jake Berman '98, Grant Upson '98, and Angus Dwyer '99.

The team performance was spectacular and the Blue are right back where they want to be at this point in the season. The team has a committed core of ten or twelve experienced runners surrounded by a young, developing circuit of new racers. Stableford excels at tailoring the work-outs to runners of all ability and experience levels and knows how to maximize the potential of his squad.

Cross Country Tears Up NMH

by Jake Berman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



The boys' cross-country team travelled to NMH last Saturday to compete against the Hoggers in the first ever B.S. Invitational. Both schools, on account of

being private institutions, were notified last minute that they would not be allowed to attend the annual Bay State Invitational at Franklin Park in Boston. Both schools persevered, however, in organizing last weekend's successful race. The day was complete with trophies for the winning teams and medals for the top individual racers.

The Blue arrived seeking retribution for last year's only defeat, at NMH on its Parents' Weekend. Coach Stableford helped start the adrenaline pumping by telling the runners they should offer the Hoggers a "thorough thrashing". That is precisely what Andover did, taking first, third, fifth, sixth, eighth, ninth, tenth, and eleventh places in a combined varsity-JV race. Across the board, times were relatively slow on the challenging 2.55 mile course. The course is notorious for its poor footing, abrupt hills, and painfully long finish. Racing weather conditions were decent with mild temperatures, a light breeze, and relatively low humidity.

Captain John Friedman '98 won the race in 14:03, improving slightly on his time from last year. Following Friedman, Hunter Washburn '00 finished an impressive third with a time of 14:40. Benny Phillips '01 placed fifth and Jake Berman '98 finished sixth overall. Subsequently, Colin Dineen '99 took eighth, Nnamdi Okike '98 paced ninth, and Andy Hsu '99 finished tenth. Andover showed depth with many other racers finishing between 11 and 25 in a race of over thirty people.

Runners now prepare for one of the season's most competitive meets as Andover hosts Choate on Saturday. Choate boasts two sub 17:00 runners but Coach Stableford feels the Blue have the depth to beat them. If the Blue win, they will have to succeed without top runner John Friedman, who will travel north to Vermont to compete as returning champion in the gigantic Thetford Invitational.

In anticipation of this weekend's challenge, Coach Stableford designed a rigorous hill-speed work-out last Tuesday which included five repetitions of the longer and steeper backside of Holt Hill. This weekend's race on the five-kilometer home course, should be a good indication of the Blue's progress thus far.

Top Seven PA Finishers

NMH- 2.55MI COURSE

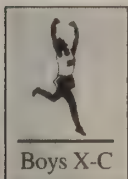
Name	Time	Place
J. Friedman	14:03	1
H. Washburn	14:40	3
B. Phillips	15:03	5
J. Berman	15:14	6
C. Dinneen	15:21	8
N. Okike	15:28	9
A. Hsu	15:35	10

10-3-97

Underclassmen Lead Runners Past BB&N Saint Paul's, Belmont Hill

by Jake Berman

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



With its star runner John Friedman '98 back with the team after missing the Choate race, the Blue traveled over to Fresh Pond in Cambridge to race St.

Paul's, BB&N, and Belmont Hill last Saturday. The course was 2.99 miles and almost entirely paved. PA went into the race knowing that St. Paul's had been one of the more dominant teams in New England and were excited to try their hand against the powerhouse. Fortunately for both runners and spectators the weather was clear and sunny, although the sweltering heat ensured a tough race. The Blue started off the race well, though, and were able to endure, capturing the first, fourth, sixth, eleventh, and fourteenth place finishes.

Once again, Friedman was able to prove his phenomenal speed and endurance on the course in Cambridge, as he won the entire race with an outstanding time of 15:28. Friedman ran with a lot of heart during the race, perhaps because of the added incentive provided by Coach Stableford who looks optimistically towards the future. He is quite confident that the Blue will be able to beat St. Paul's in Interschols, on a very hilly course that PA runners are much more accustomed to than the St. Paul's runners.

By the time Andover takes the trip to Interschols, boys' varsity cross-country hopes to have met its personal goal of having its top five runners finish the standard five kilometer run in under seventeen minutes. Saturday's excellent run validates these hopes, which had once seemed slightly unrealistic.

Tomorrow, the first day of Parent's Weekend, Phillips Academy will host Northfield-Mount Hermon's cross-country runners, who have performed poorly in the past. Okike remarks about the past and future of the team. "We're coming off of a big win last Friday, and this weekend's race against NMH is just as important. Parent's weekend always brings a lot of fans, so you can expect to see sizzling times on the course."

10-17-97



John Friedman '98 Falls Just Shy in Bid for Andover Course Record

by Jim Ellis and Collis Klarberg

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover 21
NMH 38

This past Saturday, Phillips Academy boys'

varsity cross-country hosted Northfield-Mount Hermon's runners on the beautiful five kilometer home course. The weather conditions were perfect for the runners, not to mention the many onlooking parents here for Parents' weekend; Crisp air, dry ground, and a cooling breeze, made it a perfect day for a race.

Last year NMH was dominant, acting as Andover's main rival. The team graduated many of its top runners, however, and returned much weaker this season. Remarkably, the Blue took first, third, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth places on Saturday with particularly strong performances by Hunter Washburn '00, Jake Berman '98, and of course Captain John Friedman '98. Coach Stableford was very pleased with the team, remarking that it was a "terrific team effort, and every one did their best. It truly was good right through the ranks."

Friedman is having one of the greatest seasons imaginable so far, winning the Thetford Invitational earlier this month at Fresh Pond and finishing first again against NMH. Not only did he win the race, but he came within a mere two seconds of tying the Phillips Academy record. The record of 15:49 was set two years ago by Darren Dinneen,

who's mark will be seriously threatened when Andover faces Exeter at home in two weeks. Friedman will have to hope for similar racing conditions though if he is to have a legitimate shot at the record.

While only three of the boys varsity runners finished in seventeen minutes or less, the team moved closer to accomplishing its ultimate goal of running five runners at sub-seventeen minute times.

Andover will go up against a strong Deerfield team this Saturday. "Looking ahead to Deerfield next week," Stableford remarks, "they will certainly be tough competitors." That will prove to be a challenging match-up for the entire team. On November

eighth, cross-country treks down to Choate for Interschols where it will face several strong teams. The stamina of the team will truly be tested in the next few weeks as runners will attempt to peak for Interschols and perpetuate Andover's longest-running dynasty.

VARSITY FINISHERS

HOME COURSE- 5km

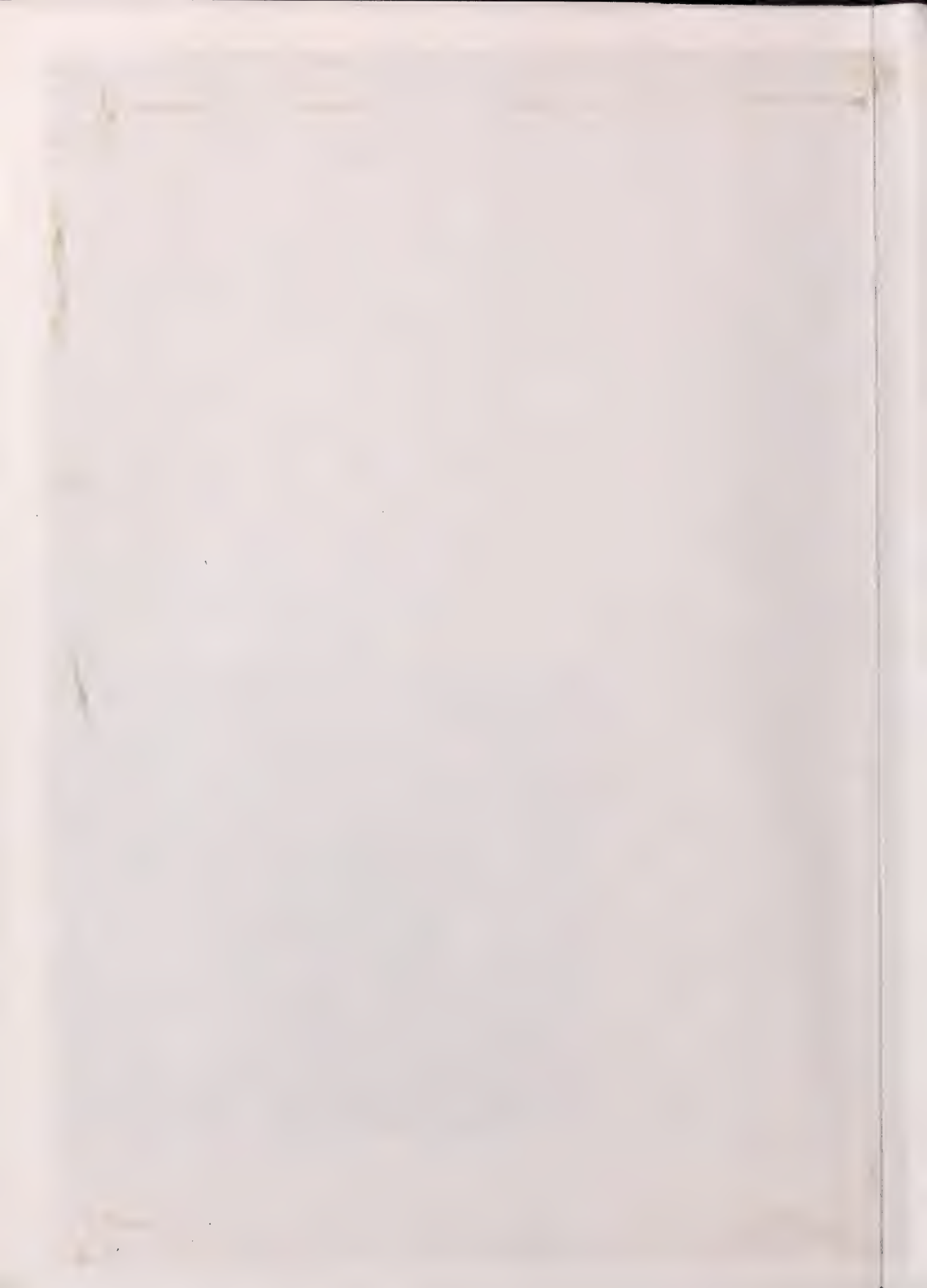
Runner	Time	Place
Friedman	15:51	1
Washburn	16:58	3
Berman	17:00	5
Phillips	17:23	6
Okike	17:26	7
Dinneen	17:30	8
Andy Hsu	17:39	10



John Friedman '98 breaks away at the beginning of Saturday's race en route to a time of 15:51, two seconds shy of a course record.

Photo / M. Prael

10-24-97



John Friedman Sets Course Record at Deerfield, Pacing Andover in a 20-41 Victory

by Jake Berman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover 20
Deerfield 41

Andover traveled to Deerfield last Saturday

where it slaughtered a young and inexperienced team. The Blue took first, third, fourth, fifth, seventh, and eighth places on the 2.7 mile course, though they ran under adverse weather conditions. Coach Stableford was pleased with Andover's places and times considering the muddy and soggy course. "We raced well from our top runner right down through the JV pack." The Blue also won the JV race handily, taking spots one, two, three, four, and five. Deerfield's prodigious Freshman runner stole second place but aside from him, the Big Green were unable to challenge the Big Blue.

Deerfield's course consisted of only two small hills and was primarily on a grassy surface. Temperatures at race time were in the low fifties and it was very misty at ground level. Stableford was pleased that the team would have a wet race before Interschols. "Conditions are often poor at Interschols and I'm glad we'll have had the experience of one wet race before we head down to Choate."

Co-captain John Friedman '98 won the race, setting a new course record of 14:20. Hunter Washburn '00 and Jake Berman '98 took third and fourth, respectively, and Co-captain Nnamdi Okike '98 stepped up to finish fifth. Grant Upson '98 won the JV race with a pack of four runners behind him.

The team's focus has now turned to Exeter and Interschols. Andover hosts the Exies tomorrow for the Blue's last home race of the season. Friedman will attempt to break running legend Darren Dineen's course record of 15:49 set only three years ago, set just two years ago against Exeter. The team also hopes to place three or four more runners in under seventeen minutes. "If we want to win Interschols, we will most likely have to finish at least five runners in under seventeen minutes," says Stableford. Washburn has already broken seventeen, turning performances at home of 16:56 and 16:58 at the last two home races. Berman raced 17:00 two weeks ago against NMH on Parents' Weekend. Phillips and Okike are both poised to reach the 17 mark, as they have improved consistently throughout the season and are now running low 17 times.

On Saturday, November 8, Andover will make the trek down to Choate to compete as defending league champion at Interschols. But Choate poses a serious threat to the Blue this year, boasting two runners who consistently finish between 16:00 and 16:30. If Andover is to win, the team will require not only a strong race from Friedman up front, but top ten finishes by at least two other varsity runners and impressive performances from the rest of the varsity seven. Choate's course is precisely 3 miles long and has one large hill that

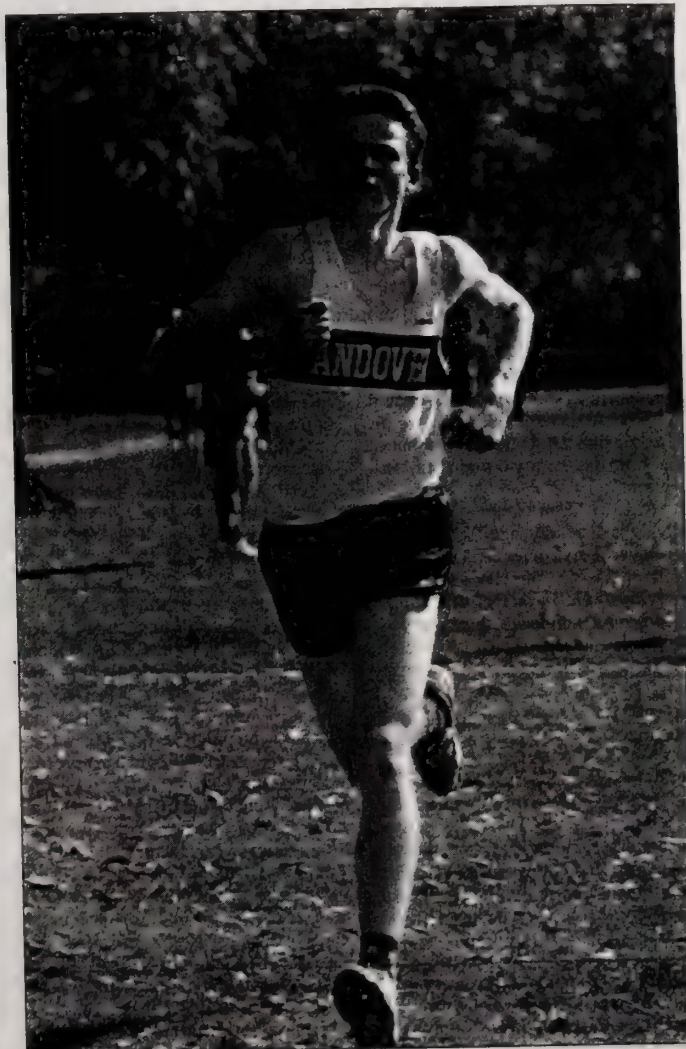
runners ascend twice during the course of the race. Andover will also have to concentrate on placing Exeter and St. Paul's runners between themselves and Choate finishers.

The next two weeks mark the culmination of a period of intense training that began for many runners as early as last July and continued relentlessly through the heat of August and the bitter cold of the past couple of weeks. Now, with many distance, hill, and speed work-outs under their belts, the team is ready to give everything they have left. While the pressure is mounting, the team still prioritizes fun as they eagerly anticipate an Austen Powers Fest this Friday at the Washburns.

TOP FINISHERS

DEERFIELD COURSE- 2.77MI

Runner	Time	Place
Friedman	14:20	1
Washburn	15:03	3
Berman	15:11	4
Okike	15:29	5
Phillips	15:35	7



Colin Dineen '99 has run strongly all season, though he is still recovering from an early season injury.

Photo / J. Mitchell

Boys Run Over Exeter

by Jake Berman

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	16
Exeter	44

Andover hosted Exeter last weekend in its

final home meet of the season. The Blue thrashed the Exies, taking places 1, 2, 3, and 4 in the varsity race despite miserable weather conditions. The team demonstrated extraordinary depth, dominating at the JV level as well.

The rain began on Friday night, and by race time on Saturday afternoon the course was becoming soggy. The moisture was coupled with a gusting wind that confronted runners head on as they started and finished the race.

The rain continued through both the varsity and JV races, yet the results were extremely impressive. Co-captain John Friedman '98 won the race with a time of 16:12. Hunter Washburn '00, Jake Berman '98, and Ben Phillips '01 finished second, third and fourth, respectively. While times were relatively slow across the board because of the weather, Coach Stableford was very pleased with the team's performance. "We ran well despite the wet and windy conditions and; this experience will only strengthen us for Interschols next week," said Stableford. Andover also swept spots one through seven in the JV race, led by Grant Upson '98. The JV race also has important implications, as the top seven JV runners compete at the Interschol competition.

Now the team has turned its attention to returning to Interschols as two-time defending champions. The Blue will send two squads of seven runners to compete at Choate tomorrow with eleven other schools from the New England Prep Division. Andover's toughest competition will come from host Choate, which boasts two runners who consistently finish in under 16:30 on 5k courses. The Choate course is only 2.95 miles and consists primarily of trail terrain. There is one substantial hill which runners climb twice and a long, flat finish around the campus athletic fields. The course record currently stands at 15:04 but Friedman hopes to break 15 minutes in a bid to win the entire race. Friedman will contend for the victory with Choate's top two runners and NMH's top runner. The team then hopes to finish at least four more runners in the top fifteen and hopefully, six in the top twenty. Several runners have had experience racing on the Choate course before and are familiar with the route's peculiarities.

The crux of the race will, perhaps, be the start, where over 90 runners will have to filter onto the trail from the starting line on the athletic field. Coach Stableford states, "it is important that our runners start the race in a reactive way, responding to the pace of other runners, making sure to claim their spots in the pack while refraining from over-exerting themselves before the race truly begins." This race marks the culmination of almost four months of intense training and the team eagerly awaits its chance to defend its title.

11-7-97

Friedman Claims Victory at Schols

by Jake Berman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



The boys' cross-country team traveled to Choate last Saturday to defend its New England Prep title. The Blue finished third overall out of a field of

about a dozen prep schools, behind an outstanding host Choate team and a strong St. Paul's squad. The team was disappointed about the loss of its title in its bid for a third consecutive championship, but admitted that the competition raced superbly despite adverse weather conditions.

The team arrived early on the overcast afternoon and the rain picked up as runners ran the course for a warm-up. By the time of the varsity race, huge segments of the course were submerged under giant puddles and other parts were muddy and slippery. A crack of thunder was sighted just moments before the start of the race, but racers proceeded un-vexed. The varsity seven consisted of co-captains John Friedman '98 and Nnamdi Okike '98, Hunter Washburn '00, Jake Berman '98, Ben Phillips '01, Colin Dineen '99, and Andy Hsu '99. All seven runners had raced consistently at the varsity level throughout the season. The team also brought nine JV runners.

The race went out fast, but the pack rapidly thinned and Friedman emerged at the front, flanked by the top two Choate runners. Behind them stretched a string of a dozen or so runners that included Berman, Washburn and several Choate and St. Paul's runners. The 2.95 mile course followed several small loops and boasted only one brief but intense uphill.

By the race's final stretch, Friedman had moved ahead with one of the two top Choate runners. Able to pull far in front, Friedman won the race in 15:40 for his first Interschols crown. Washburn and Berman placed 8th and 9th respectively but failed to catch the Choate number 3 runner, who placed 5th in the field. Choate placed an

astounding 5 runners in the top 13, taking spots 2, 3, 5, 12, and 13. "They raced brilliantly," said Coach Stableford, "They were prepared for the weather and they were determined to win." Much to the team's dismay, St. Paul's also snuck ahead of the Blue, taking second place overall. Andover had defeated St. Paul's four weeks earlier at Fresh Pond. "St. Paul's is a strong team. I knew that if we didn't run up to our full potential, they were certainly prepared to step-up and capitalize on our mistakes," said Stableford. The Blue, however, did beat Exeter, who placed fourth overall.

At the JV level, Andover suffered the loss of two of its nine runners during the race but still managed to tie for second place behind an impressive Choate JV squad. One runner took a bad fall in the washed out conditions and another turned his ankle early in the race. Impressively, Grant Upson '98 and Chris Hedges '99 both placed in the top 15.

Fortunately for the Blue, Choate will graduate four of its top five runners before next season and it appears that they do not have the makings of a dynasty. Andover enjoyed much success this season, as the entire team went undefeated until Interschols. At both the varsity and JV levels, many novice runners developed into experienced racers and the program remains promising with an incredible concentration of young talent. Between this talent and the superb coaching staff led by Jon Stableford, cross-country should remain a potent force in Andover sports for years to come.

TOP VARSITY FINISHERS		
CHOATE COURSE-2.95 MILES		
Runner	Time	Place
Friedman	15:40	1
Washburn	16:16	8
Berman	16:19	9
Phillips	16:55	26
Dinneen	17:07	34



John Friedman '98, above, in a familiar place, ahead of the pack

Photo / L. Hoopes

Boys' Cross Country Places Third at Interschols, Missing a Three-Peat

by Jake Berman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



In early September, the two-time defending champion Andover cross-country team united in Andover and began its quest for a third consecutive title. Runners from across the country converged on the Great Lawn for the team's first practice. The team's goals for the season were clear: to encourage runners of all abilities to improve, to push the varsity runners to realize their full potential, and to preserve the championship dynasty. Coach Jonathan Stableford set forth these goals before outlining a rigorous schedule and the challenges that lay ahead.

Returning varsity runners included team co-captain and running virtuoso Jon Friedman '98, co-captain Nnamdi Okike '98, Jake Berman '98, Hunter Washburn '00, and Colin Dineen '99. New talent arrived in the form of freshman prodigy Ben Phillips '01. The team appeared set for a successful season but remained weary of some of its toughest competition, particularly the outstanding squad of rival Choate.

Runners began training together after several weeks of independent summer preparation. Coach Stableford had designed a rough training schedule for all runners and athletes returned at varying places in their training. The team had less than two weeks to prepare for its first meet.

The competitive season opened on a beautiful but heat-filled day in September at the Manchester Invitational in Manchester, New Hampshire. The team, not yet entirely prepared for racing, turned out a solid performance, finishing twelfth in an exceptionally strong field, one which included some of the region's strongest teams. Now that the Andover runners had had a chance to regitalize its racing legs the team was poised for competitive action.

This action came in the form of a thrashing of Belmont Hill the following Wednesday at home and a victory over last season's rival Northfield-Mount Hermon the following Saturday. Friedman managed to win both these races with some degree of ease with Hunter Washburn finishing well in second place for the Blue each time. Ben Phillips turned in a solid sub-18 minute performance in his first home race as Okike, Dineen, Berman, and Hsu all ran solid varsity races.

Trouble appeared in the form of a highly talented and experienced Choate running squad the subsequent weekend at Andover. Coach Stableford prepared the Blue for the challenge of racing Choate and alerted runners to the incredible talent the team appeared to have. To

magnify the Blue's challenge further, Friedman would be racing at the gigantic Thetford Invitational that weekend and the team would be without its top runner. Pressure was placed on Washburn, Phillips, Berman, and Okike to step it up a notch. Choate boasted two top runners, each in the speed vicinity of Friedman and three more runners all likely to finish in under 18 minutes on the five kilometer course. The team plotted to slip four runners in before Choate's number three and the remaining three varsity runners in before Choate's number four. This, however, was not in the cards. Andover lost its first home meet in over two seasons. Choate's 1-2 punch took the first two places and its number three man finished not far behind in fourth. Washburn was the only Andover runner to crack the top four, finishing in under seventeen minutes in third place. Although the team ran well and several personal bests were set, Choate's sheer talent and the absence of Friedman was too much for the Blue. Andover would wait for revenge until a month later at Interschols.

Coming off the Choate defeat, the Blue's victory at Fresh Pond in Boston the following Friday was refreshing. Andover defeated BB&N, Belmont Hill, and St. Paul's as several varsity runners turned in stellar races. Friedman won the race with Washburn finishing fourth and Berman just behind in sixth. All five Andover varsity runners finished in the top eleven. The day was hailed as a success and the team began preparation for the next weekend's race at home against NMH.

Parent's Weekend marked the second Andover win over NMH as the Andover runners continued to turn out personal best times. Friedman came within two seconds of the home course record, churning out an impressive time of 15:51. The Blue then began its final stretch of rigorous training before Interschols, now only three weeks away.

The last weekend of October was wet and cloudy, however, that did not hinder Andover from trampling Deerfield on its soggy home course. Friedman won the race with Washburn, Berman, Okike, and Phillips all running solid races. Phillips finally met his match in a prodigious Deerfield freshman, the beginning of what promises to be a long rivalry between the two young athletes.

The Blue returned to Andover for its final home race of the season against Exeter. Andover beat the puny Red handily although times were slow as a result of more dismal weather. Coach Stableford was satisfied and urged the team to get some rest for the week ahead.

Now, the Blue prepared for Interschols with a few key things in mind: Choate was a powerhouse, talented and the host for the championship event; Exeter could possibly threaten with the return of its injured number one runner; and St. Paul's was a strong team and likely to be a legitimate force in the race. The Choate course was three miles of almost exclusively trails, interrupted briefly by a short stretch of pavement. There were several small hills and one sizable hill that runners had to ascend twice. The first five finishers' places counted toward the score but the six and seven runners had the power to displace runners from other teams (If they finished before a Choate top five runner, that would be one more point added to Choate's total score and the team with the lowest total score is the champion of the league). Friedman was a viable contender for first place but a team victory would probably require top twenty finishes by the two through five runners and strong races by the six and seven runners in case one of the top five was injured or weak that day, and to assist with displacement of opponents.

The Blue arrived at Choate enthusiastic to win and focused on the task at hand, but came away with a third place finish behind not only champion Choate, but also St. Paul's. In muddy and rainy conditions, Friedman won the race, beating both of Choate's top runners. Washburn and Berman finished eighth and ninth, respectively, but the Blue then lost a large number of places before their four and five runners finished. It is hard to attribute the only decent performance to any particular factor. Moreover, even if the Blue had raced up to their full potential, the Choate performance would still seem almost unmatchable. Choate took second, third, and fifth places and finished all of their top five in the top thirteen. Results like that are hard to come by in such a big race. The Blue certainly relinquished the title to a worthy opponent.

Although the season concluded on a slightly disappointing note, it was a productive year for Andover cross-country, marked by some spectacular individual performances, the development of numerous new and underclass runners and a true sense of team camaraderie. The coaching of Jon Stableford, Marc Koolen, and Don Barry was integral and inspirational as always. The program is now bursting at the seams with young talent and should anticipate many successful seasons to come.

SPORT: GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY
YEAR: 1997-98

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MANAGER:
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COACH: Nancy Lang
ASSISTANT COACHES:

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✓ Story, Louise E.
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✓ Yueh, Cindy T.
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Winners*

GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY - 1997

		PA	OPP
Wed., Sept. 17	Brooks (scrimmage)	(H)	
Sat., Sept. 20	Manchester Invitational	(A)	No team score
Sat., Sept. 27	N.M.H.	(A) 18	41
Sat., Oct. 4	Choate/Thetford	(H) 23	33
Fri., Oct. 10	B.B.&N	(A)	Win
Sat., Oct. 18	N.M.H.	(H) 17	38
	JV	16	47
Sat., Oct. 25	Deerfield	(A) 25	36
	JV	23	33
Sat., Nov. 1	Exeter	(H) 29	26
	JV	30	25
Sat., Nov. 8	Interschols at Choate	(A)	3rd place

Addition of Deb Vinton '98 Bolsters Already Potent Cross-Country Line-up

by Austin Arensberg
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

As summer eases into fall and school begins the girls' cross country team begins its work. On Wednesday the seventeenth, the girls cross country team hosted a

home JV meet with Brooks Academy. While JV was running, varsity did speed workouts on the five kilometer course to prepare for the Manchester invitationals on Saturday the twenty first. Both the boys' and girls' cross country teams will be traveling to Manchester.

The team this year is looking very prominent with lots of potential and

lots of depth. It is also an older team with more experience than in past years. There is a good chance that the team will be heading into Interschols with high expectations. Andover will begin this season with lots of invitationals and end with smaller dual meets.

The captains this year, Ally Jay '98 and Sari Edelstein '98, have led their team to a very good start. "It's really exciting to watch all of our new runners progress. We have a lot of spirit" remarked Edelstein. The team has created a positive and fun environment for everyone. They have already started practicing their hard-to-beat cheers, which they presented to their teammates after the race was finished today.

The head coach, Nancy Lang '84, and the new assistant coach Andrew Lay, are working hard to make this season a memorable one. Their leadership has given the team a positive sportsmanship that will help the team get mentally psyched for their meets.

Varsity runners to look out for will be Edelstein, Jay, Sarah Zuckerman '98, and Deb Vinton '98, a strong senior addition to the team who played soccer in the past two years. These four seniors are bound for success with the rest of the team in this great season ahead.

This years team, undoubtedly, will succeed with good sportsmanship, good teamwork, and fast running.

Key 1997 Runners

Kim Ballard '98

Sari Edelstein '98

Ally Jay '98

Jasmine Mitchell '99

Beibhinn O'Donoghue '99

Deb Vinton '98

Sarah Zukerman '98



Girls X-C



The girls' cross country team practices in preparation for Saturday's Manchester Invitational.

Photo / J. Mitchell

9-19-97

Seniors Break Away from the Pack at Manchester Meet

by Austin Arensberg

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



Girls X-C

The girls' cross country began the first of a what will be a series of rough meets this past Saturday with the Manchester Invitational. The meet

was held in Manchester, New Hampshire and featured a large array of runners from all over the country, including teams from as far away as California. In fact, there were 160 runners in the JV race and over 200 runners in the Varsity field. The competition was extremely fierce in the meet, especially because the second ranked team in the country came to compete. This meet is by far the most challenging invitational the girls' team will compete in this year.

After the long trip up to Manchester in the early morning, the team was given a motivational quote by co-captain Sari Edelstein '98: "Suffering is the sole origin of consciousness." After this inspiring quote the team began its race and finished with great

times. Four personal bests were set on the course by seniors Sarah Zukerman, Kim Ballard, Deb Vinton, and Ally Jay. In addition, Jasmine Mitchell '99 took an amazing minute and thirty seconds off of her time on the challenging course. Coaches and runners alike noted the excellent mix of personal and team achievement attained at the meet.

The running conditions for Saturday's meet were very grueling. At first muggy, the weather quickly turned rainy, making the course slick. However, "with everyone on the team giving support to the others it made the whole atmosphere easier to run in," said Zukerman. To add to the rough weather conditions the course had four huge hills in the first mile and a half. As Jay stated, "though the conditions were terrible, our spirit led the way as we raced to the finish." This kind of perseverance and motivation will doubtless galvanize the team throughout the season.

The girls will endure the three hour trek to NMH on Saturday to race at 1:00. Hopefully, this drive won't lessen the girls' spirits.

Girls Dominate Northfield in Makeshift Meet

by Austin Arensberg
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	18
NMH	41



This past Saturday girls' cross-country team went to NMH for the first annual Bay State "Disinvitations". Andover

proved victorious, with the girls ending the meet 18-41. For those who aren't fluent in cross-country scoring terms, a score of 18-41 is a complete thrashing. Andover placed 1-2-3 securing a win for the Varsity girls. Amazingly, everyone on the team who ran the course last year improved their time. NMH could not handle the strength or the effort that Big Blue put out.

This past weekend would have been spent at the Bay State Games, but unfortunately Andover was suddenly told that all Prep schools would not be invited this year. NMH, in a similar bind, suggested a dual meet with PA so that the girls could race on the weekend.

The girls teams arrived to a perfect running day in the mountains of North Eastern Massachusetts. In the morning it was cool with a slight breeze, but by mid-afternoon the temperature had risen slightly. The 2.55 mile course was shorter than the majority of races the team runs, but was nonetheless difficult. The course began with a steep incline, immediately letting the runners know that they were in for a tough race. Once the hill was finished, a rocky and dangerous one mile long downhill led the way to the finish. Eventual winner Deb Vinton '98 commented on the course. "I definitely felt like I had given a lot into the hill. I looked forward to the long downhill where I could secure my

lead." Stones, branches and roots were a problem and there was fear someone might trip. Despite the course conditions, everyone finished speedily and, luckily, none of the girls were injured.

The varsity team did very well, with runners placing 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, and 7th. Ally Jay '98 explained it best when she said, "Our leading pack captured 2nd and 3rd places which will give our team confidence for later meets." Sari Edelstein '98 and Jay were cheered on by the boys team when they finished on the track together right after Vinton.

Sarah Zukerman '98 after a season without running last spring, raced remarkably well placing 5th. When asked what made the team run so well, Zukerman replied, "Apple cider, maple sugar candies, and raspberries waiting for us at the end made us run faster and made the whole trip worth it."

Kim Ballard-Perrin '98 named the team's Athlete of the Week ran one minute ten seconds faster at this year's meet than at last year's. "She showed remarkable improvement in not only the NMH race but in Manchester as well. Kim embodies the work ethic and spirit that our team is all about," said Jay '98.

This year's girls' cross-country team has had a very good start so early in the season. When asked about the start of the year and the future Coach Nancy Lang replied, "I'm very proud of how our team ran, we've shown great progress. I'm looking forward to racing on our course against Choate." The experienced varsity runners have shown a large improvement and the JV team has shown a lot of heart sticking with the tough practices. Coach Lang remarked that the team is just beginning to learn about the packs and that soon the team will be even stronger than it is now.

Edelstein Leads Girls' Cross Country to Victory Over Choate

by Austin Arensberg
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Andover
Choate

23
33



This season is in full swing for girls' cross-country. Last Saturday's great meet against the tough Choate team gave Andover to prevail in the meets ahead. Cap-

tains Sari Edelstein '98 and Ally Jay '98 lead the team to a victorious race at Andover on the fourth.

Choate's very competitive team has a lot of depth stemming from their experienced leading pack both on the varsity and junior varsity levels. It was clear from the start that the first mile was going to be extremely fast, and experienced captains Edelstein and Jay slipped into the perfect pace and finished first and third respectively. Edelstein ran the course at Andover in 20:27, making her the ninth fastest girl ever to run the course. Jay's time of 20:45 placed her 15th among the course record-breakers. Both captains ran remarkably well after a hard week of workouts.

Unfortunately, the conditions at Saturday's race were not ideal. During warm-ups it was hot and humid. Then there was a sudden change to a light drizzle as the girls finished the first mile with cold legs and slick grass at the finish. With Coach Lay wearing a bright blue wig all the runners were encouraged to run faster to keep Choate at bay.

The time of the race caused yet another nuisance to the Senior girls. The race began just hours after the SATs, and there was little time to adjust to a running mode. Sarah Zukerman '98 commented, "After the SATs, getting out my aggression,

anger, and ridiculous vocabulary words proved very therapeutic".

Out of the seven varsity runners and thirteen junior varsity runners a few girls stood out not only with great times but the extraordinary feats for which they came over. Anne Abbot's '98 22:11 was absolutely amazing for a first year time. Beibhinn O'Donoghue '98 made another spectacular run with a 21:10 setting her own personal best. In fact, everyone who raced before Saturday ran a personal best or improved their average minute per mile pace. Kim Ballard-Perrin '98 stated, "I was very impressed by the depth of our team and how well we met our own expectations."

The training schedule this past week was grueling with two speed workouts including Porter hill, the most dreaded hill in Andover. The front packs strengthened their skills to set themselves ahead in their races, "Our team has mastered pack running, which really helped our team's placement during the race," said varsity runner Zukerman.

Last week's 23-33 score doesn't just show how successful the team was, but that they have worked hard at their goal and are on their way to a successful Interschols.

The day gained a new dimension when Andover's Deb Vinton '98 wasn't able to race at Andover. She and boys' captain John Friedman '98 went with Coach Stableford to race against a mainly public school field at Thetford. Vinton did relatively well in her first Thetford Invitational, placing 30th. "It was really tough; I definitely went out too fast. I learned from the race and will use the experience to compete better at the Interschols," said Vinton. Although the team missed the speedy Vinton a great deal, it rallied together to finish strong in the rain on Saturday.

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Girls' Cross Country Keeps On Winning

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The girls' cross country season is finally in full stride, and the runners have shown tremendous effort and growth in their meets thus far.

This past Friday the

Blue traveled to Fresh Pond in Cambridge to compete against BB&N and St. Paul's. The girls proved victorious against both teams, defeating BB&N 15-50 and St. Paul's 23-34. The race was incredibly fast and proved to be a test of endurance for all runners.

Both JV and Varsity runners raced together. The pack was tight at the start but slowly thinned out as the race progressed. The almost entirely flat course had only two hills, but they were nonetheless very difficult, causing some of the Blue's opponents to slow to a halting stop. The Big Blue persisted and finished the first 3 kilometers with a long downhill. The flat course forced the team to maintain a fast pace and run as a pack for the first 3/4 of the race to sustain a lead.

The course outlined the breezy local reservoir which provided some wind for the runners. Friday was mostly hot and humid and many of the girls commented after the race on the excessive heat. The course consisted mainly of an asphalt path and racers had to confront many walkers, runners, stroller pushers, and spectators watching the race along the trails and asphalt paths. Runners had to side-step many obstacles along the way.

The past week of workouts was by far the most strenuous the team has had this season. The hill work they did strengthened them for the quick and steep uphill last Friday. "It was nice to see our team take St. Paul's on the hills. It really showed that our hill workouts paid off.", said Kim Ballard Perrin '98.

The team's pack running was the key to Andover's success during the first half of the race. As Ally Jay '98 points out, "Our pack running was again visible throughout Friday's race." If the team can keep running as a pack, they will be in a great position to win Interschols.

Individually, the day was marked by several impressive performances. Deb Vinton '98 won the race in 19:03. Co-captain Sari Edelstein '98 was just behind, finishing third overall with a time of 19:46. Co-captain Allie Jay placed fifth with a time of 20:17. Beibhen O'Donaghue '99 ran a superb race finishing sixth overall and latching down the win finishing in 20:20 for sixth place overall. Friday's meet showed that Andover has and will have a great team. The team's captain commented on the success of this race, "The great preparation combined with our teams tenacity, helped us to push through the hills as St. Paul's slowed to a walk," said Jay. It is exciting to watch this season as experienced runners mature and new runners emerge.

10-17-97

Team Effort Leads the Andover Blue Past the Hoggers

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Girls X-C

Last Saturday the girls' cross country team hosted NMH in front of the Parents' Weekend crowd. Four runners ran personal bests and the whole team

finished successfully winning both the varsity and the junior varsity races. It was no doubt a great weekend for the parents and the runners watching the girls finish strong after a week of long, arduous workouts.

Andover pride was everywhere as the parents cheered on the unbeatable Big Blue. Many parents showed up for the race to root for their kids. The great lawn was filled with many supporters lining the race's start and finish. Many of the girls commented that it was great to have the large audience cheering the team on for the race.

After the gun was fired, the race began with Deb Vinton '98 setting a fast pace in the lead and Sari Edelstein '98 and Ally Jay '98 following close behind. By the two and a half mile mark, at the base of Heartbreak hill, the pack was beginning to thin out with Vinton still in the lead and Edelstein close behind. Edelstein pulled out a spectacular finish, winning the race with a very impressive kick on the Great Lawn. Vinton was not far behind and finished second

with O'Donaghue and Jay finishing third and fourth, respectively. All of the top four runners ran their personal bests for Andover's course. Amy Mueller '98 took more than two minutes off her personal best finishing superbly in the race.

NMH is trying to rebuild after graduating a much more mature team last year consisting of many seniors and PGs. Andover refused to allow even one NMH runner into the lead pack and ran as a team, feeding off each other's energy.

The Big Blue's hard workouts proved to be the deciding factor in Saturday's race. The course at NMH is considerably tougher with long hills, but the team's extensive hard work on both hills and long flat runs helped it in developing the mental strength and endurance to win its races. The workouts will continue to become more difficult as the season progresses.

The team is undoubtedly becoming better with each race as Sari Edelstein points out, "Saturday's race was an indication of not only our team's depth but also our team's spirit." The team can withstand many of the obstacles with which it is confronted. The season is nearing its climax at Interschols, for which fourteen runners will be chosen to compete at Choate against the entire league. In the immediate future, the Blue will travel to Deerfield on Saturday to face a skilled team full of experienced runners.



Sari Edelstein '98 on the road to victory

10/31

Andover Defeats Deerfield with Pack Running

by Austin Arensberg
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover 25
Deerfield 36

This past Saturday the girls' cross-country

team ran at Deerfield, capturing yet another meet victory. The team once again showed its incredible strength, depth, and teamwork, finishing in spots three through eight.

The conditions were terrible at Deerfield, as Andover's girls fought against a cold wind, rain and slick hills. Still, the team performed remarkably, shutting out Deerfield's unprepared team. The Blue kept a rigorous pace in the leading pack, holding back many imposing Deerfield runners. The course spanned 2.9 miles and looped around Deerfield's many athletic events. Cheering on the runners were members of other PA teams. Co-captain Ally Jay '98 commented, "It was great to hear Andover team's cheering us on during the race"

The Blue jumped off to a great start with Deb Vinton '98 in the lead for Andover and co-captain Sari Edelstein '98 trailing her closely. Jay and Beighbin O'Donaghue '98 ran the first two miles together, feeding off each other's energy along the mostly flat and fast course.

Most of the runners commented on the variety of surfaces including asphalt, slick grass, and a rubber track. The rainy and cold conditions provided a challenge for the entire team, but not one that Andover could not overcome. "The conditions were not ideal, but by the end of the day we executed what we had planned all week in practice," said Vinton. The race was chock full of competitors, with nearly thirty varsity and JV girls vying for a spot at the starting line. The hectic beginning pack soon thinned out after the first short hill, and from that point most of the runners ran in pairs.

When asked about the end of the season assistant coach Andrew Lay responded, "Over the course of the last three races our front pack has come into its own as a group, displaying an impressive amount of racing smarts which has translated into victories. So long as the team keeps up the hard work, the second week in November [Interschols race weekend] will be exciting for us. This team's growth has increased a lot."

The girls have shown that however adverse the conditions, however difficult the team they can succeed. The next two weeks, with Exeter this weekend and Interschols at Choate the following week, will undoubtedly be thrilling. Hopefully, the season will end with a strong finish.

VARSITY FINISHERS

DEERFIELD COURSE- 2.9MI

Runner	Time	Place
Vinton	18:17	3
Edelstein	18:19	4
O'Donag.	18:22	5
Jay	18:37	6
Zukerman	19:02	7
Abbot	19:02	8
Mitchell	19:02	9

Girls Fall to Exeter in Rainy Thriller

31.7.97

by Austin Arensberg

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Exeter 26
Andover 29

This past Saturday the girls' cross-country

team ran against a very challenging Exeter team. Although they didn't win, the loss has inspired them to run their best at next week's Interschols. Hopefully, the girls' pack running style will aid Andover in its attempt to capture New England's championship.

Unfortunately, Saturday's conditions were extremely adverse. Both the rain and cold, gusty wind brought the times up considerably. Thus, while Andover took places first, second, and, fourth its less experienced runners were unable to produce their usual results.

Captain Ally Jay '98 noted, "Even though the conditions were dismal, our team ran a competitive race against Exeter."

The race began on a very muddy and slippery Great Lawn. Once the front pack left the lawn, it eased its stride and started the 3.1 mile course. Through the sanctuary Deb Vinton '98 had a narrow lead over captain Sari Edelstein '98. A few Exies tried to squeeze their way into the lead, but were unsuccessful in the first mile. By the end of the race Edelstein and an Exeter girl were running far ahead of the pack. With an incredible amount of willpower, Edelstein managed to beat the Exeter runner and take first place. Vinton ran a strong last mile ending with a time of 20:32.

The rain brought about a drive amongst the runners, all of whom finished hard and with determination. The race is the climax of the of the season as the runners fight for the title of New England Interschols Champion. Many teams from all over New England race their top fourteen runners, each girl vying for a spot toward the front of the pack. The team has been training and competing for this event since early in the fall. Now, in the final week the team is running low miles to build up strength for Saturday. It is surely going to be a grueling race on Choate's tough course in Connecticut. Because of the large amount of runners in the race, many of Andover's new runners will have to face big packs for the first time.

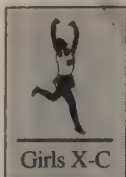
The race will be the defining point in the season and there will surely be spectacular running. There is no need to look at the past race; this week all of Andover's efforts are focused on the race ahead.

"While they ended our winning streak, we are looking towards Interschol's with hopes and vengeance." Said Edelstein.

Edelstein and O'Donaghue Outstanding in the Rain

Finishing sixth and thirteenth respectively, Andover's top runners led the Blue to a third place finish at Interschols

by Austin Arensberg
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



Last Saturday marked the conclusion of a spectacular cross country season as girls from all over New England congregated at Choate for Interschols.

The cold and rainy meet was the last for the team, and although it didn't win, Andover is looking towards a future when it will surely dominate.

The team finished third at Interschols; in the meet, younger runners progressed and more experienced runners led the team.

The team ran an incredible race with the difficult competition, including teams from Exeter, St. Paul's and Northfield-Mt. Hermon, along with the host school, Choate.

The conditions before, during, and after the race were absolutely horrible. There was cold wind, a muddy course, and a collection of huge puddles lining the upper ridge of the course. However, the Big Blue's runners didn't bother slowing down and instead ran straight through the water and mud with determination.

Choate's course was 2.95 kilometers and began on the JV football field with a sharp turn after 150 meters. Many of the runners went out extremely fast, planning to form a pack and then settle for the short course.

Andover finished the small hills quickly as the team began the difficult section of the race, the half mile ridge. The warm-up run two hours before the race did not reveal the huge puddles that had formed so suddenly. The

ridge had huge puddles of water twelve feet long and four inches deep. Andover persisted and ran great despite the terrible weather. The lead pack ran together through much of the course spreading out after the first loop.

Captain Sari Edelstein '98 finished sixth with a time of 19:15. Following her was Beighbin O'Donaghue '99 who ran an amazing and placed 13th. Kate Laser '00 won the JV race running strong in the pouring rain.

The season has flown by for all of the runners, who have been busy winning races and training hard. The team had high expectations for Interschols, but as Edelstein points out, "Sure, I was hoping that the team would place first, but we did the best we could at the time, and I'm proud of the team's unity and effort. No regrets."

Co-Captain Ally Jay was also very pleased with Andover's performance as she noted, "I was proud of everyone on the team, they stepped up to the challenge of the tough competition and finished strong." The team's legacy is by no means over.

The season was spectacular, and though the girls direct their thoughts to the year ahead, they returners are already getting excited about next fall's season.

VARSITY FINISHERS

CHOATE COURSE- 2.95MI

Runner	Time	Place
Edelstein	19:15	6
O'Donag.	19:41	13
Vinton	19:58	18
Mitchell	20:09	24
Abbot	20:11	26
Zukerman	20:35	36
Jay	20:47	43

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SPORT: Varsity Field Hockey

YEAR: 1997 - Fall

CAPTAIN: ALEX MULVEY ('98), RACHEL BURNES ('99)

MANAGER: HANNAH COLE, MORGAN SWETT

COACH: KATE DOLAN

ASSISTANT COACHES: MARTHA FENTON

SEASON RECORD

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Letter Winners

Berry, Rachael F.
Breen, Kathryn S.
Burnes, Rachel C. (C-C)
Burt, Lindsay C.
Friedell, Susan A.
Heller, Lindsey C.
Hudson, Meredith A.
Jamali, Samar P.
Macmillan, Katharine
Madera, Morgan J.
Martinez, Anne E.
Menocal, Harriet P.
Morris, Anne D.
Mulvey, Alexandra S. (C-C)
Platt, Kathrina F.
Sawyer, Alice T.
Sunderji, Fahreen
Swett, Morgan K. (M)
Thacher, Frances C.
Valeo, Anna E.
Wessling, A. Chace

SQUAD STATISTICS

NAME AND HOME ADDRESS	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	CLASS	POSITION
LINDSEY HELLER YORKTOWN, NY			'98	
ANNIE MARTINEZ STONY BROOK, NY			'98	
RACHAEL BERRY ABERDEEN, SCOTLAND			'98	
MORGAN MADERA TUXEDO PARK, NY			'99	
CHESIE THACHER BEDFORD, NY			'98	
ANNA VALEO NEWBURYPORT, MA			'00	
ANNIE MORRIS MIDDLEBURY, VT			'98	
SUSAN FRIEDEL SHAKER HEIGHTS, OH			'98	
KATE MACMILLAN, HINGHAM, MA			'00	
RACHEL BURNES SO. DARTMOUTH, MA			'99	
ALEX MULVEY BRIDGEWATER, CT			'98	
KATHRINA PLATT HAMBURG, GERMANY			'98	
MERRI HUDSON DANVERS, MA			'01	
KATIE BREEN NO. ANDOVER, MA			00	

NAME AND HOME ADDRESS

WEIGHT

POSITION

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DATE OF CONTEST: 9/19/97

OPPONENT: THAYER

WHERE PLAYED: THAYER

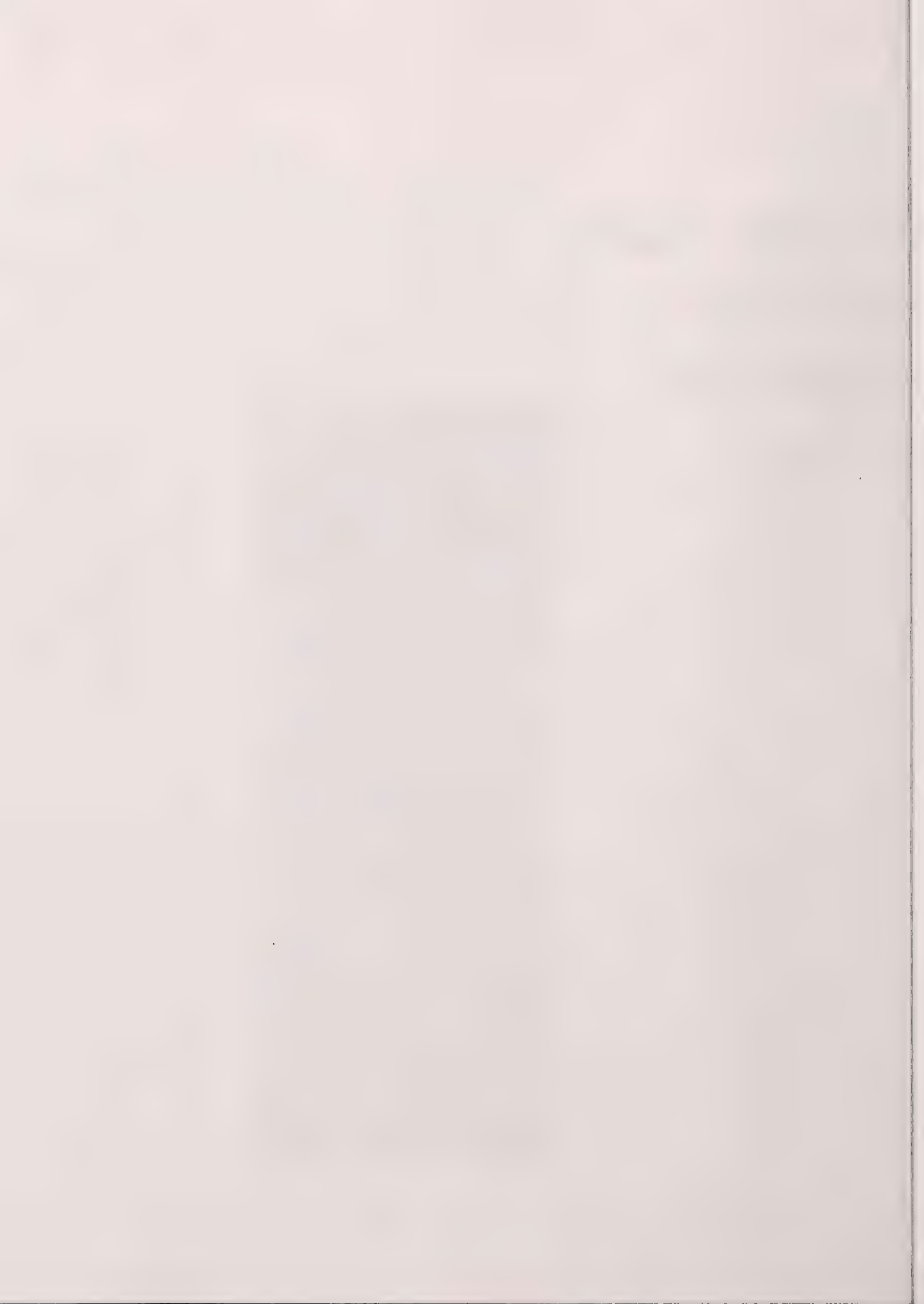
RESULT: 0-0

Thayer

Last Saturday morning the girls boarded the bus headed for Braintree in hopes of defeating Thayer. When the game commenced at 12:00, the temperature stood at about 90, and everyone on the field appeared tired

and sweaty just from the warmups. Perhaps this contributed to the rather sluggish beginning that each team endured, for the game's first fifteen minutes or so consisted of the ball constantly being moved up and down the field, only to be cleared by one defense or the other before any shots could be taken. One bright spot was the fact that Burnes was playing for the first time since sustaining tendonitis, and she lived up to her captain status by dominating the game.

Although Thayer began to dominate towards the end of the first half, Sawyer, Madera, and Valeo all helped to prevent Thayer from doing any damage. However the team's forwards did not enjoy such success. Not only was Macmillan out with a knee injury, but Berry nearly broke her finger when a ball hit it. The team did have some close calls, including two penalty corners in which Morris and Platt both almost scored, but none of them fully materialized. Towards the end of the game the Blue's offense did increase its intensity but the clock ran too soon.



DATE OF CONTEST: 9/20/97

OPPONENT: LOOMIS-CHAFFEE

WHERE PLAYED: ANDOVER

RESULT: 3-0 ANDOVER

Loomis-Chaffee

Although the Blue's field hockey players may have been slightly worn out from last Saturday's classes, they displayed no signs of weariness as they exploded right from the start of last Saturday's game. In the first five minutes Samar Jamali '98 playing forward, was able to convert a deflected Annie Morris '98 shot into a goal as she expertly maneuvered her way around the Loomis goalie, whom many felt was the team's most valuable asset. Kathrina Platt '98 was also huge on offense and, though she didn't score, created many, many opportunities for her teammates each time she carried the ball down the. Co-captain Alex Mulvey '98 also played particularly well in transition offense, and, along with fellow linemates Morris and Merri Hudson '01, has become quite a force to be reckoned with at the midfield.

Defensively, Morgan Madera '99, Tysie Sawyer '99, Annie Martinez '98, and Anna Valeo '00 were as impenetrable as ever. Sawyer and Valeo each made a great impact with their solid free hits out of the Andover zone, and in addition Chase Wessling '99 recorded another shutout in goal with her solid play. The defense was so strong during this game, in fact, that Loomis only took two penalty shots for the entire duration of the half.

With about ten minutes left in the first half, Hudson received the ball, dodged a number of defenders from midfield en route to goal, and scored point blank on a goalie who didn't have a prayer. Hudson, only a junior, has demonstrated considerable poise and skill throughout the season, and in the process has become an integral part of the team's offense.

After a halftime in which the coaches had nothing but praise and encouragement for the team, the Blue began the second half with an intensity equal to, if not surpassing, that of the first half. The offense once again took control of the game, and Loomis could only hit the ball haphazardly out of its zone in futile attempts of keeping the Blue from attacking. But attack they did, and excellent forward play by Rachel Burnes '99 and Rachael Berry '98 soon led to a penalty corner. It was here that the third and final goal of the game was scored when Platt, on a pass from Sawyer, tipped the ball to shooting ace Morris, whose shot found its way into the back of the Loomis net.

All in all, the game was nothing short of a splendid victory, as the Blue absolutely dominated all aspects of the contest for the first time this season.



Anne Morris '98

"Capable of playing both defense and offense, Morris is the complete athletic package with a dose of leadership thrown in for good measure."

by Andy Butler and Jason Gimbel
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATES

After graduating a large number of seniors last year, the PA field hockey team looked to maintain the standard of excellence established by last season's trip to the semi-finals of the New England Prep School Athletic Conference tournament. Anne Morris '98, a veteran player of nine years, was the perfect complement to a solid returning squad. So far this season, she has helped both offensively and defensively, while adding experience and leadership on the field. Although the team started out on a rough note, with key losses against rivals St. Paul's and Tabor, this group of young women have come together as of late and begun to play as a single unit. With her outstanding performances in this week's victories over Kimball Union Academy and Harvard JV, Annie has earned the coveted award of Athlete of the Week.

Born and raised in Middlebury, Vermont, Morris grew up in a small town setting. Field hockey was the sport of choice for the majority of girls, and at an early age Anne took advantage of the opportunity given her by the community. In fourth grade, she began her career by joining a instructional team. Although the squad did not compete with other teams, Anne was able to start by learning the basics and understanding the fundamentals of the game. Practicing three times a week, she honed her skills in anticipation of playing on a competitive junior high team. In seventh grade she got the chance she had been expecting, playing for the Middlebury Junior High field hockey team. For the following two years, Anne played competitively against other Vermont area teams.

After finishing her illustrious junior high career, Morris made the move to Middlebury Union High School. This was the logical choice for her, as she wished to remain in a small town setting. At the high school she began on the JV squad, but quickly moved onto the Varsity team her sophomore year. Although she did not start, Anne was an important contributor on a team that went all the way to the state semi-finals. Annie continued

her progression up the ladder, as she moved into a starting position and earned a spot on the NVAC second team, during her junior year. Once again the Middlebury Union High squad had a remarkable season, but, unfortunately, was eliminated by the same team, this time after a double overtime loss in the state finals. In addition to the commitments of her school team, Morris participated on an Olympic Development Program team. After successfully completing tryouts

one of the two? With all of these questions swirling in her head, Annie felt that she needed another year to find the answers.

Once the decision to attend a prep school was made, she was faced with the task of finding the right institution. Among the finalists were Andover, Exeter, Choate, and Northfield-Mount Hermon. When it came down to the atmosphere, facilities, and people Andover was her hands down choice. In addition to these important factors,

she felt the sports and art programs were far superior at Andover. With the support of her parents, Anne decided to matriculate to PA.

The transition from her old high school to Andover proved relatively easy. Although she thinks it might have been harder had she not had previous high school experience, Anne benefited greatly from the advice of her friends who had just made the transition to college.

Photo / J. Mitchell

at the University of Vermont, Morris was invited to join the squad which practiced once a month and competed in regional contests.

Given Middlebury High's previous experiences, everything seemed as though it would culminate in Annie's senior year. After being defeated by their largest rival the previous two seasons during various stages of the tournament, Anne and the rest of the team didn't want to fall victim again. Following a long and grueling season, Middlebury High was forced to stare their rivals in the face one last time in the state championship game. However, this time the match-up yielded Morris and her teammates the state championship, and plenty of memories to accompany it. Her efforts were rewarded with a nomination to the NVAC all-star team, and a spot in the New Hampshire all-star game.

Despite all of her successes on and off the field, Anne was still unsure of her course of action in terms of college and her future. A number of choices needed to be made before she could come to a final decision. Did she want to play Division one, two, or three? Was a big school or a small school right for her? Did she want to play both field hockey and lacrosse, or only

On the athletic field, Annie fit in right away. She needed some time to adjust to her new teammates and their individual styles. In the classroom, Morris finds her classes much more interesting, even though more work is expected each night.

So far this season, PA is 5-2-2, an astonishing mark given a poor start to the season. Although the team lost two key matches to St. Paul's and Tabor, the girls are playing more as a team now. The future looks bright for both Morris and the squad. They play NMH this Saturday and Deerfield in the near future, two important matches that could make or brake their season.

As far as the future goes, Annie has decided that she wants to play lacrosse at the Division one level. She is currently looking at Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, Boston College, and Brown. Although she has no clear favorite, she is considering signing early. With the support of her parents, who make the three and one half hour trip to watch each of her games, Morris is sure to make headlines wherever she goes. With her consistent play and the current play of the team, another championship could be within reach for Anne.



DATE OF CONTEST: 9/24/97

OPPONENT: NOBLES

WHERE PLAYED: ANDOVER

RESULT: 1-2

Noble and Greenough

The Blue took the field last Wednesday knowing that Nobles would be a tough opponent. In fact, the team had never defeated Nobles under Coach Dolan before last season. The two teams took the field, and, to the dismay of everyone on and off the field, engaged in what can only be described as total gridlock. Repeatedly the ball was pushed up and down the right sideline, and with both teams possessing terrific hitters and stoppers, the ball bounced around like a little pinball.

Finally the gridlock came to an end. Unfortunately it was at the expense of the Blue, as a tough shot slipped past goalie Fahreen Sunderjii '99, who was replacing injured goalie Wessling. Following the goal, it initially seemed as though the Blue was ready to give up. The defense was leaving players open in front of goal, the offense was unable to move the ball into Nobles' territory, and communication was at a low on all parts of the field.

However, the Blue called a timeout, at which time coaches Dolan and Fenton made some necessary line changes and inspired the Blue to dominate the inferior team. According to the coaches, the team just needed to believe that they were better and play with the composure that showed it. Minutes later, Mulvey carried the ball up the right sideline and passed up to Kate Macmillan '00, who in turn managed to elude a defender while drawing a whistle for a defensive foul. Morris then took a free hit from the top of the circle, and while the goalie cleared it she didn't clear it well enough as the ball landed right on the stick of Burnes. Burnes brilliantly carried the ball left, then right and flicked it over the goalie's pads into the opposite corner. The team celebrated, and for the rest of the half the Blue dominated, though

it was unable to score again.

The second half began with a new Nobles aggressiveness, and Sunderjii was bombarded with shots from all angles. Although she managed to clear most of the shots out of the circle, the defense's lack of coverage proved too much for her and one goal unfortunately slipped past her.

However the Blue had come too far to give up, and the offense tried valiantly to push into the Nobles circle. Although they did this to no avail for a while, they finally made into the circle with less than eight minutes remaining in the game. Miraculously, the Blue was awarded a penalty corner and, once again, the dynamic duo of Morris and Platt combined for a bullet that shot to the back of the goal. From this point on the Blue dominated the game. However, the girls were unable to score for the win. Regardless of this, though, the Blue was satisfied with its excellent comeback.

Tomorrow the Blue will journey to Tabor which, according to Coach Dolan, is a team not to be taken lightly. This game should make or break the Blue's season, and hopefully the girls will use their knowledge gained from Wednesday's mistakes wisely in the games to come.

9/27/97

DATE OF CONTEST:

OPPONENT: TABOR

WHERE PLAYED: TABOR

RESULT: 1-6 TABOR

Tabor

going into last Saturday's game, we knew that it was about to face a Goliath-like proportions, for it had not one, but two, members of German junior Olympic team on its squad, which was averaging eight goals a game as of last week. Still, battered by injuries and inconsistent play (as evidenced by a disappointing loss to Nobles the previous Wednesday), the Blue was determined to shake off the season's league powerlessness, regardless of its depleted roster and poor performances in games past. The game started off, literally, with a bang as one of Tabor's German imports hammered a shot past the Fahreen Sunderjii '99 within seconds of the opening whistle. Though a little intimidated, the Blue kicked off the goal and expertly maneuvered the ball downfield, where, during circle play by Annie Morris and Kathrina Platt '98 produced a penalty corner for Andover. Morris took a shot on goal, and, though it was easily cleared by the Tabor goalie, the relentless Andover offense was determined to keep the ball in play until minutes later, when Rachel Berry '98

scored the Blue's one and only goal for the day. However, player of the game honors must go out to Tysie Sawyer '99, who played a phenomenal game at defense. After coach moved her back to sweeper in the second half, Sawyer was a one-woman defensive machine. She prevented goals on numerous occasions by blocking up even the most perilous of shots. Even the olympians were denied when Sawyer used her blistering speed and nimble stickhandling to clear the ball from the circle. For such a performance Sawyer is to be commended, and her caliber of play was to remain at the highest of levels when the Blue faced GDA the following Wednesday.

As the whistle blew to signal the beginning of the second half, the Blue offense initially charged out with an intensity that was almost completely absent from the first half. Immediately Morris was able to send a pass downfield to Kate Macmillan '00, who touched it to Merri Hudson '01. Hudson carried the ball past two Tabor defenders as she entered their defensive circle, and soon thereafter was able to draw a penalty corner. The Blue was overly excited as the ball was hit out, and for this reason the team was unable to gain control of the ball once it had been passed out to the shooter. Tabor once again cleared the ball from its circle with a forcible hit, and moments later a Tabor player dribbled downfield and blasted a bullet past the confused defense and helpless Sunderjii. Despite the dismal outcome of the game, there were a few bright spots, especially in the second half. For instance, Captain Rachel Burnes '99 consistently and valiantly fought at the midfield to keep the ball in the Tabor circle. Thanks to her efforts the Blue, though unable to score, did improve in the second half on the number of cor-

scored the Blue's one and only goal for the day. The game was less than two minutes over, and the Big Blue was perhaps too confident following the tying score, as Tabor then proceeded to hold the ball in Andover's zone for most of the half. The Blue constantly missed scoring opportunities, and defensively it was leaving dangerous offenders open in its own goal circle. In addition, the Blue neglected to block up any of Tabor's tremendous free hits, while at the same time was unable to move even one of its own free hits past a Tabor defender. For all of these reasons, everyone on the sidelines was forced to question the determination and spirit of the team during this match, especially when the score at halftime stood at 5-1.

Coach Dolan delivered a passionate speech to her team at halftime, stressing that the Blue should play to win, not to hold a team under ten goals. She implored the team to play with maximum heart and ability, as they all knew they were capable of doing. The coaches, in hopes of adding both offensive punch and defensive implacability to the lineup, also made some radical position changes at halftime.

DATE OF CONTEST: 10/1/97

OPPONENT: GOVERNER DUNMER ACADEMY

WHERE PLAYED: ANDOVER

RESULT: 5-1 ANDOVER

GDA

The Blue took the field knowing that they absolutely had to pull off a huge win in order to redeem themselves from Saturday's defeat. Right from the start, the Blue dominated the overmatched GDA team, and Coach Dolan couldn't have been happier with the numerous displays of scrappiness.

Kathrina Platt '98 started up the scoring when, about ten minutes into the game, she pulled a ball past the goalie and pushed it into the net. For at least eighty-six percent of the first half the ball was in the GDA circle, usually being played on one of the many corners that the offense drew. Sweeper Anna Valeo described the half as "A good time for [goalie] Fahren and me to have some nice discussions while we watched the ball being played way down on the other end of the field." Despite the offense's dominance, however, Platt's goal was the only one scored in the first half.

At halftime, Coach Dolan, though pleased with the team's play, stressed that it should have scored five times as many goals as it had, as it was obviously superior to the GDA team in every respect of the game. This must have motivated the team, as Hudson blasted a Berry cross past the goalie only moments into the half. Minutes later, Samar Jamali '98 followed suit when she chipped in a ball that had bounced off the pads of the goalkeeper. Although GDA somehow managed to score on a freak corner, bringing the score to 3-1, Sunderjii and Valeo would see little more of the the GDA offense for the duration of the game. Alex Mulvey '98, Berry, and Macmillan formed a transition triumvirate on

the right side of the field, as they repeatedly dodged defenders and passed the ball into the circle. In addition, Morgan Madera '99 and Sawyer kept the GDA offense ineffective throughout the game. Morris, in fact scored the fourth goal of the game and assisted on the fifth, as she passed a beautiful ball right to the center of the circle, where Burnies quickly ran onto the ball and slapped it into back corner of the net.

At the end of the day, Coach Dolan was more than satisfied with the team's scrappy performance, and cited many different occasions on which the Blue had played with the utmost skill and determination. Feeling uplifted by the victory, the team looks forward to tomorrow's game against rival Choate, a team that has consistently proved a challenge in the past.

DATE OF CONTEST: 10/4/97

OPPONENT: CHOATE

WHERE PLAYED: ANDOVER

RESULT: 2-1 ANDOVER

Choate

Following last week's slaughtering of GDA, the varsity field hockey team, in the words of Coach Kate Dolan, had the opportunity to "take the victory and run with it". They attempted to do just that in Saturday's defeat of Choate, although many felt that the Blue should have scored more goals and held Choate down defensively. However it cannot be denied that the Blue played some spectacular field hockey, and what counts is that the girls came away with a win.

Tysie Sawyer '99, Annie Martinez '98, Anna Valeo '00, and Morgan Madera '99 played at their usual level of defensive supremacy, although their skills were hardly tested by the ineffective Choate offense. In addition, Chace Wessling '99, back from an injury that had sidelined her for three games, barely saw any action in goal. However, the Blue defense was hardly complaining about their team's dominance going into halftime.

For various reasons, the second half immediately seemed to lack the intensity of the first. The Blue's offense, though still dominating, was less successful in executing its passes. Chessie Thatcher '98, playing center forward, remained a bright spot, however, as her dodges and stickhandling were of great auxiliary to her team.

The defense, perhaps because the team led by a two goal margin, seemed almost bored by the contest, and a few unforced errors occurred for this reason. Nevertheless, the Blue defense still managed to shut down the Choate attack for the majority of the time. Sawyer in particular consistently cleared the ball from the Blue's zone.

Berry and Morris both displayed the utmost in talent during this fairly uneventful second half, as each player, utilizing her strong hits and sharp passes, continuously created opportunities for her teammates in front of the net.

Just when it seemed as though the Blue would wrap up a much needed shutout, Choate somehow managed to score with only two minutes remain-

ing in the game. What's even more unbelievable is that the goal was the result of one of Choate's very few shots. Although panic suddenly struck, for it seemed that Choate might tie it up, the Blue defense held off the revamped Choate offense until the final whistle blew. Though satisfied with the win, the Blue was disappointed with its play in the final minutes, for everyone felt that a shutout would have been worlds better than a narrow 1-goal margin of victory.

DATE OF CONTEST: 10/8/97

OPPONENT: ST. PAULS

WHERE PLAYED: ST. PAULS

RESULT: 0-6 ST. PAULS

St. Paul's

Last Wednesday the team prepared for a journey to Concord, New Hampshire, where they would face arch rival St. Paul's. With these words in mind, the Blue set off to knock St. Paul's out of their way. After the one hour bus ride, the Blue seemed ready for the challenge of St. Paul's notorious skill backed up by their "underdog tenacity."

After the first ten minutes, the Blue found themselves huddled for a time out, down 1-0. St. Paul's' midfield turnover skills and star-laden forward line were simply running the Blue off the ball. After a quick pep talk from their coaches the Blue hit the field with their definition of a "clean slate," and felt ready to put the ball in the back of the St. Paul's net. With four minutes left in the first half, a St. Paul's forward snuck through the Blue's defense and upped the score to 2-0 at halftime.

Every player knew that by no means was the game over, but as the second half unraveled, the Blue began to relent. However captain Mulvey reminded the team to pick the ball up and keep going. Stuck in a rut beneath St. Paul's momentum, the Blue struggled to stay composed, though controlling the ball and forcing corners into their offensive circle. Goalie Chace Wessling '99 had many low, strong clears, keeping her bearings inside the cage, but was heavily challenged by St. Paul's strong offenders who sliced through each Andover player before reaching her. While the defense was successful in clearing the ball out of its circle, they struggled to follow up on their clears, and into the second half, the Blue's midfield connection system deteriorated.

At the final time out, the score stood at 4-0, and the Blue tried to come together in the last remaining minutes and take back the respectability. However this attempt proved futile, as the Blue would go on to give up two more disappointing goals, bringing the final score to 6-0 St. Paul's. Very different from last year's match up, the varsity girls were tired and dissatisfied with their performance in such an intense contest.

It is evident that the Blue has a lot of work ahead of them. This year's squad of eclectic players walked on to the St. Paul's field with much skill, but the Blue were simply outrun and failed to execute their fine tuned skills while in Concord. Hopefully tomorrow's New Hampshire match-up will end happily, for another loss could only further the chasm of frustration that the Blue has fallen into.

KUA

DATE OF CONTEST: 10/11/97

OPPONENT: KUA

WHERE PLAYED: KUA

RESULT: 3-0 ANDOVER

The Big Blue arrived late but unphased at KUA last Saturday, and stepped onto the field ready to play. The game took place on a field that was much smaller and faster than the field at Andover, and as a result the team was able to move and pass the ball extremely well. The Andover offenders were also much quicker than Kimball Union's defense, and for this reason Kathrina Platt '98, the team's leading scorer, easily dodged both a defender and the goalie about ten minutes into the first half to record the team's first goal of the game. Although no other goals would be scored in that half, junior sensation Merri Hudson came close to scoring on numerous occasions, and right wing Rachael Berry continued to make excellent passes up the sideline. Tyise Sawyer '99, a back defender, also contributed to the offense with her key transition passes, and her ever-inspiring play caused many to wonder why she hadn't been more involved in the offense prior to that game.

By the end of the first half, the Blue was dominating all areas of the game. Yet, to the chagrin of the coaches, the girls were unable to put the ball into the back of the net, and this was to be the focus of the second half.

Right away the Blue, led by Platt's stellar shooting, came out with an intensity unseen in the first half. Berry and Platt continued to connect on crossballs in front of the KUA goal cage, and Morgan Madera '99 and Athlete of the Week Anne Morris '98 consistently pressured the ball into the KUA circle. The Blue's pressure was so good, in fact, that Kimball Union was unable to get even one shot off in the second half. The Blue held onto its lead throughout the second half,

scoring twice more to secure the victory.

As an additional bonus to team's victory, goalie Fahreen Sunojii '99 secured her first shutout of season. All in all, the game was a complete success.

Girls' Field Hockey Finally Hits its Stride

Harvard JV

Entering this game, the Big Blue expected a tough, competitive match. However, the team that it faced on the fast field in Cambridge did not prove that challenging, as the Blue demolished Harvard with an incredible score of 6-0. Leading scorer Platt once again dazzled the crowd with her spectacular shooting, this time recording her first hat trick of the season. After a quick Platt goal on a pass from Hudson, the Blue took the lead and didn't look back. Minutes later, Kate Macmillan '00, on a pass from Morris, carried the ball downfield, and, dodging two defenders and the goalie, tapped it to a wide-open Chessie Thacher '98, who knocked the ball cleanly into the cage.

The Blue's third goal came when Lindsay Burt '99, using her blistering speed to elude three different defenders on the left sideline, placed a perfect pass across the goal to the far corner, where Samar Jamali '98 was waiting

to take the shot. Jamali's goal made the score 3-0, and, unbelievably, the Blue was only half finished with its scoring. Platt would score again before the first half was over, and the halftime score of 4-0 elated everyone on and off the field.

Since the team held such a commanding lead, Coach Dolan was able to experiment with putting players at different positions. Playing midfield for the first time this season, Platt scored her third goal only moments into the second half. Soon after Hudson, rebounding a Berry shot from the outside, netted the team's sixth goal of the game.

Although Andover would not score again, its dominance remained throughout. The Blue defense, led by Anna Valeo '00 and Morgan Madera '99, simply denied any Harvard scoring chances, as Harvard only took about three shots in the entire game. Chace Wessling '99 and Sunderjii, splitting the game in goal, notched a second consecutive shutout for Andover.

Following the victory, Coach Dolan was incredibly pleased by the Blue's high-quality performance, and she too expressed her desire to defeat NMH, for a win tomorrow would surely bolster the new-found morale of the Big Blue.

10-17-97

DATE OF CONTEST: 10/18/97

OPPONENT: NMH

WHERE PLAYED: ANDOVER

RESULT: 3-0 ANDOVER

Girls Pitch Fourth Straight Shutout

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In its past four games, the Varsity Field Hockey team has outscored its opponents

15-0. There is no doubt in anyone's mind that the team has finally come together, and big results are expected for the rest of the season.

Riding on such a high wave of success, the team eagerly anticipates its game tomorrow at Deerfield, a team that always proves challenging and is currently undefeated. However, the way the Blue has been playing recently, Andover is sure to do very well.

NMH

Because Coach Kate Dolan could not even remember the last time the Big Blue had defeated NMH, the team entered the contest prepared for a tough battle, mentally and physically. However once the two teams took the field, it became obvious that the Blue, coming off of two huge shutout victories, was by far the superior team. Although NMH initially tried to bang every ball past Andover players, the Blue defense soon caught on, and made the necessary adjustments, to prevent NMH from crossing the mid-field line.

The Blue played with an aggressive approach that has only appeared recently in the season. As a result there were numerous shots from the corners. In fact, the Blue scored its first goal off a corner when Samar Jamali '98 rebounded a deflected corner shot and tapped the ball in the net.

Most of the first half was spent right in front of the NMH goal, as the Blue forwards were relentless near the NMH net. Defensively, Morgan Madera '99 played one of her best games, while Tysie Sawyer '99 and Anna Valeo '00 were prominent defensive contributors. Lindsey Heller '98, also played her best game of the year, fighting for every ball that came her way.

At half-time, coach Dolan, though pleased with the Blue's high level of play, was slightly disappointed with the team's inability to finish. A one goal margin was much too close for comfort, especially with a team like NMH ready to capitalize on each of its opportunities. With this said, the team took the field determined to put the ball in the net and to extend its one goal lead.

For the first part of the second half, the Blue played rather carelessly. Perhaps this was because NMH came out re-energized, or perhaps it was due to lack of focus. For whatever reason, it was during this period that

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On this chilly fall day, the Blue carried its three-game winning streak to Cambridge. BB&N would soon fall to the Blue as well, for Andover once again held possession from the very beginning.

For the first five or so minutes of the game, it might have seemed to those watching on the sidelines that the game was being played in slow motion. Jamali scored her second goal in as many games on a pass from Kathrina Platt '98, whose ball handling skills were superb throughout the entire game. Although the Blue was now up 1-0, Coach Dolan called a time-out, feeling that the team needed to be woken up. The huddle broke, and the Blue took a free hit. From then on the team dominated, and with about five minutes left the best play of the game occurred; Valeo, playing sweeper, drove the ball from the Andover goal circle to right wing Rachel Berry '98, who expertly eluded two BB&N defenders and then sent a beautiful pass down the sideline into the BB&N circle, off which Macmillan beat a defender to the ball, pulled it past the goalie, and scored on the open net with a reverse stick shot. In a matter of only seconds the Blue had moved the ball from one end of the field to the other and scored almost instantaneously. Soon after the first half was over, and the Blue huddled excitedly.

At the half, Coaches Fenton and Dolan expressed their approval of play in the latter part of the first half. They also stressed that the Blue ought to capitalize on the open holes that BB&N was leaving across the field.

The second half passed by with the Blue continuing to dominate. However, BB&N did increase its intensity a little and managed to get a few shots off. Luckily, Valeo combined with goalie Chace Wessling '99 to keep the circle as empty as possible. With about five minutes left in the game, the Blue drew a penalty corner.

Morris received the ball and pushed it across the circle. Here a swarm of forwards was ready to put the ball on net, and Heller finally managed to get a shot past the goalie. The game ended soon thereafter and the Blue rejoiced at its fourth shutout in a row.

The past four games have not only boosted the Blue's morale, but have also proven that the Blue can dominate when it really tries. If the Blue triumphs over Deerfield tomorrow, it will prove to everyone, once and for all, that Andover is truly a force to be reckoned with.

DATE OF CONTEST: 10/22/97

OPPONENT: BBN

WHERE PLAYED: ANDOVER

RESULT: 3-0 ANDOVER



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NMH was rewarded its only two penalty corners of the game, both of which would prove fruitless. After the second NMH corner, the Blue realized that it needed to turn up the heat. Anne Morris '98 used her strong hits and agile stickhandling to move the ball downfield, while forward play in the NMH goal circle stayed aggressive. With about ten minutes left in the game, Kate Macmillan '00, on a pass from Morris, maneuvered around a defender and pushed the ball into the open net past the goalie. The score now stood at 2-0, and the goal seemed to wake up the slightly dazed squad. Merri Hudson '01, only moments later, scored the third goal of the game, extending the Blue advantage to three.

The Blue held its lead, playing with both composure and intensity, and just about the rest of the game was played either in the NMH circle or very close to it. As the final whistle blew, the team had two reasons to celebrate. First of all, it had beaten a team that for years has been a thorn in the side of the Andover field hockey program.

Secondly, the team played most of the game at a level better than any it had played at this season. The team's level of play has steadily risen in recent weeks, and Andover hoped to carry that momentum into its Wednesday game versus BB&N.



The Andover defense anchored the squad this week, pitching two more shutouts against NMH and BB&N.

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10-24-97

DATE OF CONTEST: 10/25/97

OPPONENT: DEERFIELD

WHERE PLAYED: DEERFIELD

RESULT: 2-1 ANDOVER

Deerfield

The hockey team, along with every other Andover squad, traversed the state last Saturday to play in a monsoon-like downpour at Deerfield. Although the team's comfort was hindered by this factor, the girls' spirit was as indomitable as ever, and its level of play was, as Coach Martha Fenton put it, "Far above that of any other time this season". Although the Deerfield squad was undefeated going into last week's contest, the Blue used its amazing passes and stingy defense to overpower Deerfield. Morgan Madera '99 played her best game of the season, consistently stripping the aggressive Deerfield players of the ball and moving upfield. Rachel Berry '98, playing right wing, also had a superb game. Midway

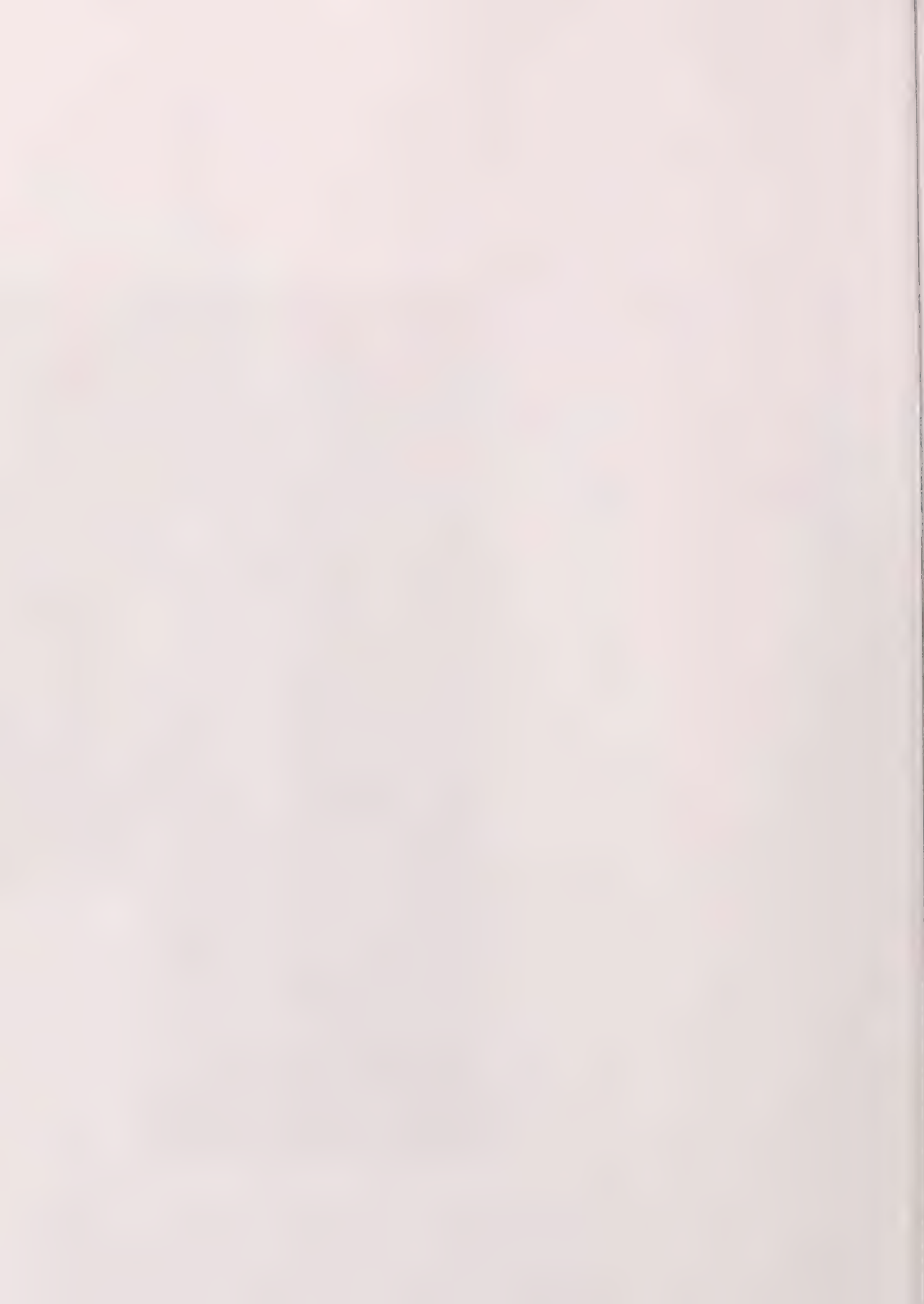
through the first half, Berry shot a pass to Kathrina Platt '98 that led to the game's first goal. The Blue managed to hold the rather tight 1-0 lead going into halftime.

At the half, Coach Kate Dolan reminded the team how badly it wanted this important victory, and in addition praised the way the team was playing. There was not much else to do except cheer as the Blue, soaked but psyched, took the field for the second half.

The second part of the game passed much like the first one, in that the Big Blue passed effectively using pushes and also managed to stay spread out from one another so as to enable such passing. The team's second goal came when Platt, who also played a spectacular game, sent a bullet across the goal that was tipped in by Lindsey Heller '98. Heller's level of play has improved immensely

over the course of the season, as demonstrated by this, her second goal in as many games.

Although the Blue had hoped to record its fifth straight shutout, Deerfield scored on a fast breakaway late in the second half. However the Blue held on to its lead and eventually won this huge contest, and in turn handed Deerfield its first loss of the season. Anna Valeo '00, elated post-game, echoed Fenton's praises for the team, and added, "When we play as we played today, we are unstoppable."



DATE OF CONTEST: 10/29/97

OPPONENT: MIDDLESEX

WHERE PLAYED: ANDOVER

RESULT: 1-0 ANDOVER

Middlesex

Coming off of Saturday's victory, the team strove to show its intensity to Middlesex, a team which presently sits near the top of the Independent School League. Although the Big Blue started off rather sluggishly, as the game's minutes ticked away the team began to hit its stride.

For almost the entirety of the first half, Middlesex used its speed and overpowering aggressiveness to keep the ball in Andover's goal circle. Luckily Fahreen Sunderjii '99 played a phenomenal game in goal, as she stopped more shots and breakaway attempts than she has seen all season. This contest was definitely Sunderjii's best yet. A strong defensive effort by Tysie Sawyer '99 also kept Middlesex from scoring, although there were definitely a few close moments where the shutout was nearly destroyed. Offensively, Platt and Berry connected on numerous give-and-go plays to elude the otherwise impenetrable Middlesex defense, and the duo somehow managed to get a few close shots off in the first half. Overall, however, the Blue, despite its obvious skill, played with a lack of intensity during this half. With the game half-gone, the score stood at

a frustrating 0-0.

Coach Dolan emphasized at half-time the importance of staying spread out on the field, and in addition reminded the players that strong push passes were necessary for a win. With this in mind, the Blue would go on to play a much more solid second half.

Right from the get-go it was obvious that the Blue had come alive, for all of a sudden the ball was now stay-

ing down towards the Middlesex goal. The Blue had many more scoring opportunities than it had had in the previous half, and it was soon able to capitalize. With about ten minutes left in the game, Merri Hudson '01 expertly dodged two defenders in the Middlesex circle and dumped the ball off to Berry. Berry quickly passed the ball across the goal to the waiting stick of co-captain Rachel Burnes '99, who in turn slammed the ball into the back of

the net. Though the team would not score again, the Big Blue continued to gain momentum as the half wore on, and by the end of the game there was no doubt that Middlesex would not threaten the shutout. With this victory the team added to its abundant win-column, and it will carry the confidence that comes with such victories into its contest against Pingree tomorrow.

DATE OF CONTEST: 11/3/97

OPPONENT: PINGREE

WHERE PLAYED: ANDOVER

RESULT: 3-0 ANDOVER

Pingree

The team prepared to face Pingree under last Monday, it had nothing but winning in its mind. The squad took the field at

The Blue continually attacked the Pingree circle. Although the entire Blue force demonstrated pure aggressive play with intensity, Rachael Berry '98 was certainly the star of the first half. Just as she has in previous seasons, Berry sent pass after perfect pass to the Pingree goal and through every defender. Although the team could not capitalize on its stellar play in the first half, both second half goals came as a result of her impeccable play.

The first half's only goal came late in the first half when co-captain Alex Mulvey '98, while attempting a clear from a defender, shot from the top of the circle right into the Pingree goalie. As the ball smacked the back of the goal cage, Mulvey and her teammates celebrated this, the first goal of her career.

After this picture-perfect score, the Blue took the locker room with the momentum completely on its side.

In the second half, coach Kate Dolan encouraged the team to realize its full potential against this weaker opponent, and in addition that she expected at least a couple more goals in the second half. This is exactly what happened as the team maintained its intensity from the first half until the final whistle.

Immediately the team continued to dominate as midfielders Kathrina Platt '98 and Merri Hudson '01 controlled the pace of the game with their crisp passes and stellar defense. Tysie Sawyer '99 and Morgan Madera '99 kept Pingree away from goalie Chace Wessling '99, denying Pingree's attack at every turn.

The second goal of the game came when Berry dodged two defenders and pushed down the right sideline, then quickly passed the ball across the goal. Although the Pingree goalie deflected the pass, Rachel Burnes '99 was waiting at the post to put the rebound past the goalie, thus bringing the score to 2-0.

Lindsay Burt '99 added another goal, her first of the season, when she sped down the field, eluded several defenders, and knocked the ball across the goal into the back left corner. As the game's final seconds ticked away, the

empowered Blue team managed to keep the ball over the fifty yard line.

As the game ended, the team celebrated yet another shutout victory.

DATE OF CONTEST: 11/5/97

OPPONENT: WINSOR

WHERE PLAYED: WINSOR

RESULT: 3-0 ANDOVER

Winsor

Arriving in Boston on Wednesday afternoon, the Big Blue was determined to keep its winning streak alive. Although it only just barely defeated Winsor with a tight 2-1 score last season, it completely demolished the squad this year with its unstoppable offense and brick wall defense.

The first half, though played with a great intensity, proved somewhat fruitless as the two teams battled to a 0-0 halftime score. This was particularly disappointing for the Blue, who was awarded more than ten penalty corners. However, according to Burnes, the Blue is most definitely "a second half team," as evidenced by its three goal spree at this time.

Samar Jamali '98 opened the scoring with a goal that, according to Sawyer, "woke the team up." As Jamali describes it, she took a near-perfect shot which unfortunately hit the goalpost. Although she expected the goalie to stop her quick rebound, the ball just kept on rolling until it finally crossed the goal line.

The team was ecstatic and from this moment on it completely changed its outlook on the game.

The next goal came when Mulvey scored with a tremendous shot from the top of the Winsor goal circle. In the words of Burnes, "It was a real clunker; we were psyched."

Mulvey was also ecstatic about her second goal in two games, and her play throughout the game showed it. The third and final goal came when Platt used her normal lightning-quick sweep-shot to place the ball between the pipes, much to the goalie's chagrin. The game ended with the Blue's usual celebration, and it was especially exhilarated as this was its seventh shutout in its last eight games.

The post-season looms on the horizon, and if the Blue can manage to pull off another terrific win tomorrow, there is no telling how far the team will go.

DATE OF CONTEST: 11/8/97

OPPONENT: EXETER

WHERE PLAYED: EXETER

RESULT: 2-0 ANDOVER

Exeter

team traveled up to Exeter Sunday and engaged in one of the most memorable games of the season. From the opening whistle the competition was intense, and although the Blue had a much better offense and seemed to possess better technique, something was holding them back from scoring in the first half.

Perhaps it was Exeter's nimble offense, perhaps it was the bonechilling atmosphere, or perhaps it was the abundance of questionable calls made by the referee. Whatever it was, the Blue, despite some excellent passes and credible scoring opportunities, couldn't capitalize. Rachel Berry and Kathrina Platt '98 were busy on their passes between the wide side of the field and the center, but they managed to move the ball into the field on numerous occasions without any trouble from the defense. Hudson '01 also had a great run at forward, as she was consistently ready to receive passes and move them toward the Exeter goal.

On the other half of the field, the Blue defense played one of its best games to date. Tysie Sawyer '99 and Morgan Madera '99 each controlled play in the Andover circle, as Exeter was hardly able to get any shots off at all. In retrospect it was probably the defense which kept the game in check for the Blue, for the team almost lost its identity during most of the first half.

At halftime Coach Dolan encouraged the team to mellow out and play their game. She also made a few line changes and emphasized the importance of shooting. With these things in mind the team took the field for the second half.

The second half started with a bang as the team immediately brought the ball down to the Exeter goal. Though the Blue received a penalty

corner, it proved fruitless with a faulty hit out on the part of the Blue. However, Exeter made no advances when it earned possession as the Blue soon picked the ball up again. Most of the half was played near the Exeter goal when, with about 17:00 minutes left, an Andover player took a shot from a crowd of players gathered in front of the goal. This shot, though it flew past the goalie, was kept from the back of the net when an Exeter defender accidentally kicked the shot out. The whistle blew and Andover was awarded a coveted penalty stroke for this infraction which stopped what would have definitely been a goal. The coaches appointed captain Alex Mulvey '98 to take the stroke. For a moment the two screaming crowds quieted to a dead silence and Mulvey was one on one with the goalie. The whistle blew, and two seconds later she flicked the ball through the goalie's legs and into the back of the net. The crowd went wild when Mulvey finally broke the scoreless tie, and she too celebrated her recent late-season scoring streak. Mulvey's goal completely got the ball rolling for the Blue, as only a few minutes later Berry notched another one to finish Exeter off for good. The team rejoiced at the end of this amazing contest, and looked forward to an almost certain tournament berth.

DATE OF CONTEST: 11/12/97

OPPONENT: DEERFIELD

WHERE PLAYED: DEERFIELD

RESULT: 1-3 DEERFIELD

Deerfield

Despite the team's impressive 12-0 record, it was only awarded a distinguishing number seven seed out of 16 New England teams. What was surprising was that the team had only defeated two of the teams that preceded it. Regardless of setbacks, though, the team nonetheless boarded a bus headed for seeded Deerfield, whose only game earlier this season to none than the Big Blue.

The first half started out most aggressively as Andover totally dominated on offense. Deerfield neglected to stop up the Blue's terrific hits and Blue managed to penetrate Deerfield's goal circle early on. In fact, less than five minutes had passed when the team was awarded a penalty corner. Beth Berry took the hit out and passed it perfectly to Annie Morris. Morris shot a bullet towards the goal where Hudson was waiting to catch the ball and wrap it around the post for the final score of the season. The entire team came alive, for surely the early dominance was a sign that only good things could happen. Unfortunately, Deerfield woke up with the first goal as well, and about six min-

utes later a ball was sent across the Andover goal and knocked in by an unmarked Deerfield player. Suddenly the game was tied again and all the fighting that the team had done for that first goal seemed futile. The remainder of the first half seemed to be played a bit sluggishly, as Deerfield fully gained control of play. Luckily defenders Madera, Sawyer, and Annie Martinez were able to hold off the fast Deerfield attack as best they could, though Deerfield did manage to score again in the first half. Sawyer played one of her best games of the season, as her speed outpowered even that of the fast Deerfield players.

At halftime Coaches Dolan and Fenton stressed getting to the ball first and playing with composure. The team knew that to beat this team they must play with heart and desire, and this showed going into the second half.

With the signaling whistle Morris singlehandedly hit the ball, stole it from a defender, and carried it into the Deerfield goal circle. Not a single Deerfield defender could keep a stick on Morris, and she took a beautiful shot that was unfortunately stopped by the Deerfield goalie. This sequence of events occurred over and over again for the first eight or so minutes of the second half and the Blue was awarded

on Morris. Berry and Samar Jamali '98 also kept the shots flying in the goal circle, though to no avail. At midfield, Mulvey consistently smacked her drives through walls of Deerfield defenders, and her final game as captain was a memorable one.

Deerfield's third goal came on a fluke when Sunderjii ran out of the goal to clear a ball that had slipped past a defender. Her kick, though strong, was misdirected to a Deerfield forward. The forward took a shot on the open net and it was at this time that the Blue saw its hopes fading. Though everyone played valiantly to the final whistle, it was to no avail, and Deerfield won the game, thus advancing to the second round of the New England Championship.

So the season ended on Wednesday, but the spirit of this team will carry on. At the beginning of this year no one expected this team to go anywhere, especially the New Englanders, and the fact that it ended the regular season so grandly only accentuates the team's success.

Each of this year's ten seniors—Mulvey, Berry, Platt, Morris, Martinez, Lindsay Heller, Susan Friedell, Happy Menocal, Jamali, and Chessie Thacher—contributed her own special gift to the team, and each will most likely miss more athletic ability and coordination. Catholic school girls in jumpers pose blame its loss on the fact that a pack of 100 ability of a Dr. David Penner. I

Me: How profound. Okay I'm sorry for wasting your valuable time, good night

Alex Mulvey '98

11-14-97

by Andy Butler

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

A three year veteran of the girls' varsity field hockey team, Alex Mulvey '98 has gone above and beyond the call of duty as co-captain to lead her squad into the NEPSAC tournament. Her consistent play and defending skills have given the team a boost, providing a backbone for others to build on. Operating in the heart of the midfield, Mulvey has surpassed all expectations, improving tremendously over the season. In addition to her field hockey prowess, she has served as a role model on a young team. The guidance and pure dedication Alex displayed over the past season have paid off earning her memories, friendships, and the highly coveted Athlete of the Term honors.

Born in Waterbury, Connecticut, Mulvey moved to nearby New Milford shortly thereafter, where she lived until second grade. The next move took her to Bridgewater, where she now resides. Living with her parents, Jim and Judie, and younger sister Drew, Alex attended the Shepaug Valley Regional Middle School. At Shepaug, Mulvey was first introduced to the sport that she would soon come to love.

During her sixth grade year, Alex experienced field hockey through her gym teacher who had the class experimenting with various different sports. The game appealed to her from the very start and, with some encouragement on the part of her instructor, she decided to go out for the team in the next season.

In her first year on the team at SVRMS, Alex played a fair amount. However, the combined factors of age and experience held her back. Having a great time on the squad, Mulvey returned the next season older and more skilled. She had improved a great deal and, now in her last year at the middle school, played a lot more. Upon graduation, the obvious choice for Alex was the local high school.

As a freshman, Alex began the year at the JV level. Commitment and dedication to helping herself improve allowed Mulvey to join the varsity team halfway through the season. Aided by the joint JV-Varsity practices, she played for both teams, participating in games at both levels. Her team, full of budding stars, enjoyed an excellent season and made it to the semi-finals of the Western Connecticut State tournament.

Despite her successes, Mulvey felt she needed a change. The small size of her school combined with what she felt was a lack of a challenge led Alex



As the only returning senior, Alex Mulvey has led her team to a miraculous season.

Photo /J. Mitchell

to look elsewhere. An application from Taft that came in the mail started an active search for a new educational institution. After perusing the various New England prep schools, she decided that Andover, Exeter, Taft, and Choate warranted further examination. Upon closer scrutiny, PA appeared to be the ideal match for her. With the encouragement of her parents, Mulvey decided to matriculate to Phillips.

The transition to boarding school was relatively easy for Alex. "I was excited to start everything all over, it was the ideal situation," commented Mulvey. Drawing from her independent nature, she started the term off on the right foot. Invited to pre-season field hockey, she made the team as a new lower. Although it was odd coming in as a sophomore, after most students had already formed friendships, Alex found it easy to meet new people. In the classroom, she excelled from the very start. Although the classes were more challenging and demanded more work, she instantly stepped up to the task. On the whole, the change from her old school went very well.

The field hockey team did very well in her first year at PA. Full of talented individuals, the squad came together to have a great season and make the New England Prep School Athletic Coalition tournament. At first, Alex was used sparingly. However, as the season progressed, she became indispensable, starting the last two games of the season. In her ascension to the first team, Mulvey overcame a

thumb injury which sidelined her for three weeks.

The next year Alex returned with an improved set of skills and a new sense of responsibility. Looking up to co-captains Mary Barenfeld '97 and Melita Sawyer '97, Mulvey learned a lot about leadership and responsibility. Coming together as a solid unit, the squad made it to the semi-finals of the NEPSAC tourney.

To start her senior season, Alex was voted captain. The only returning senior, she had to step up and become a role model for the rest of the team. "I was ready for the responsibility," stated Mulvey. Her love for the squad showed through her dedication to helping the team come together. Although they started off on a bad note, the girls pulled together and took control of their destiny. After beating Exeter 2-0, a game in which Alex scored on a penalty stroke, the team received an invitation to the tournament. Unfortunately, the squad narrowly lost in the quarter-finals.

The future looks bright for Mulvey, an early applicant to Wellesley College. Although her decision is binding, Alex knows Wellesley is where she wants to go. "The chance to get a great education and play field hockey doesn't come along very often," said Mulvey. With the support of her parents, who regularly make the three hour drive to support their daughter, and the talent she possesses, Alex is sure to turn heads in New England for years to come.

Field Hockey Shines Late in Season

by Kate Macmillan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



In the past three or four years, the Andover Field Hockey program has dominated the New England scene, as evidenced by its numerous appearances in the New England tournament. Though the team has not won a championship since 1993, a multitude of former players have played or are currently playing at the college level, which demonstrates the obvious coaching talent of coaches Kate Dolan and Martha Fenton '83. Never was their coaching prowess more apparent than the 1997 season, when, despite the loss of ten seniors (including both goalies) and two uppers (including the captain-elect), the squad managed to coalesce into what Coach Dolan calls "a great team to coach."

Although at the preseason tryouts back in September most had deemed this season a "rebuilding year," the addition of many terrific new players seemed to allude to greater things. Some of the new talent included postgraduates Annie Morris '98, who had played on an undefeated Vermont state-champion squad, and Rachel Berry '98, a player from Scotland whose many years of experience showed in her consistent play throughout the season. Kathrina Platt '98, hailing from Germany, also added a European flair to the team. In addition, new upper Lindsay Burt '98 brought much needed speed to the left wing while junior sensation Merri Hudson '01 gave a glimpse of what the future holds for the Big Blue with her tremendous skills at forward. Another new player was Katie Breen '00, who, although she struggled with an injury at the beginning of the season, was an integral part of the forward line by season's end.

While the preseason may have indicated a great deal of talent, and even spirit, the actual selection of the team was quite difficult. When the squad had finally been formed, it still lacked unity, for it returned only five players (Alex Mulvey '98, Rachel Burnes '99, Morgan Madera '99, Tysie Sawyer '99, and Kate Macmillan '00) and was without its captain-elect, who had left school before the summer.

Soon into the season, however, both Mulvey and Burnes emerged as natural leaders, and as a result were elected co-captains.

The season began on a good note when the team scrimmaged Cushing and easily beat them 4-0. However, in their next scrimmage, against a mediocre St. Mark's team, resulted in a 3-2 loss for the girls, which came as a big shock to the team. The unpredictability of the season continued when the squad traveled to Thayer for its first game, which resulted in a disappointing 0-0 tie. Though the team would soon defeat Loomis for its first official win of the season, it hit its biggest slump of the year when it played perennial power Tabor, which this year had two German junior-Olympic players on its roster. Though the Blue expected this to be a tough game, it might as well have not shown up at all, for Tabor handed it a humiliating 6-1 loss. What's worse, the following Wednesday the Blue faced rival St. Paul's (which the previous year knocked it out of the New England Tournament) and lost 6-0.

If anything came out of such an embarrassment it was a wake-up call, for no player enjoys getting hammered, especially when it was obvious that the Blue was capable of achieving so much more. With the encouraging words of Coaches Dolan and Fenton the team became determined to be scrappy and successful, and with great perseverance it accomplished its goals by winning its final nine games of the regular season and allowing only three goals from opponents in the process. One of the season's most spectacular wins was a 2-1 decision over another rival, Deerfield, at Deerfield, which had been previously undefeated. The season's finale at Exeter was another incredible victory in which the Blue, tied 0-0 at half-time, ended up winning 2-0 on a late penalty stroke by captain Mulvey and then another goal by Berry.

By season's end the team had become an invincible unit that was unparalleled in spirit. Amazingly, it was rewarded with a prize that not even the most optimistic player could have imagined after the dismal start: a spot in the New England Tournament. Though the team was seeded a disappointing #7, it pressed on and looked forward to a rematch at Deerfield. The Blue played this game with the same heart

it had showed in its last nine games, but unfortunately, a win was not in the cards for the squad on this day, as it fell to Deerfield, 3-1. Although the situation was incredibly sad for everyone within the program, it was difficult for anyone not to be completely satisfied with the season, the team's success surpassed any expectations anyone might have had directly following the Tabor and St. Paul's games.

The 1997 season was a season unlike any other for the field hockey team. The team faced with so much adversity, overcame it with resilience commendable by any standards. The season ended on a bittersweet note, yet in retrospect it really was a great success. In addition to the great accomplishments of the team, Mulvey and Sawyer were each named to the New England all-scholastic squad.

"This year was very fun," says Platt, "and it shows that a team with so much character was able to turn its season around with a 9-1 winning streak. Everyone's sadness at the end of the year totally indicates how close and how strong a team we had become." Added Coach Dolan,

"This was just a great team to coach. How the team came together after the two big losses was terrific, and should be a credit to everyone. This was just such a diverse group; I've never seen so many one-year seniors have so great an impact on a team, but Annie and Rachael [Berry] and Kathrina did just that, both on and off the field." Coach Dolan also credits three other seniors new to the team, Samar Jamaal '98, Happy Menocal '98, and Chessie Thacher '98, for their heart and wonderful contribution to the team, and calls these three "great team players."

If this past year is characterized by its newness and jumbled roster, next year's squad will be one of routine and seniority. Four players with have three years' experience on the team; and in addition both goalies (Fahreen Sunder '99 and Chace Wessling '99), the entire starting defense, and most of the starting forward line will return. Dolan says next year will be "a lot more settled", and also looks forward to the addition of many talented players from the junior varsity squad. Burnes, Madera, and Sawyer will be the team's tri-captains next year.

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Aisenberg, Joshua B.
Blanch, Justin H.
Bough, Geoffrey E.
Francaccio, William R.
Brown, Lewis, Jr.
Chisholm, Joseph P.
Collado, Dario E.
Costantino, Mark J., Jr.
Crisafulli, Robert A., I
Dent, Dean A., II (cc)
Dietz, Stephen F.
Forelle, Charles C.
Gormley, Sean B.
Harrison, Cycette H. (m)
Hersch, Jeremy L.
Hordon, Marc G.
Kagan, Eli S.
Kalin, Matthew C.

Letter Winners

Lasater, Charles K.
Mangan, James J.
O'Brien, Kyle G. (cc)
Ottariano, Mark K.
Qualter, Shaun E.
Salisbury, Peter B.
Saunders, Bryan M.
Sax, Ryan G.
Smithwick, James W.
Waldron, Shane T.
Waugh, Juma O.
Williams, Beau M.
Williamson, Timothy L.

SQUAD STATISTICS

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Lewis Brown 4616 Sundown Lane Memphis, TN 38109	5'7"	145	'99	Back
Hyle O'Brien 115 Hilton Avenue Garden City, NY 11530	6'1"	207	'98	Back
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William Brancaccio 104 Harvest Lane Southampton, NY 11968	6'0"	215	'00	Line
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Timothy Williamson 58 Prospect Road Andover, MA 01810	6'1"	210	'98	Line
Sean Gormley 3 Randall Road Freeport, ME 04032	6'2"	215	'98	Line
John Costantino 100 Tallasse Farm Dr. Athens, GA 30606	6'4"	235	'99	Line
Shane Waldron 14999 Springwater Rd. Oregon City, OR 97045	6'3"	220	'98	Line

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6'3"

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Mark Ottaviano
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Revamped Football Team Looks for Redemption in '97

by Eli Kagan

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



Despite last year's subpar showing, the Andover varsity football team looks to bring the program back to its elevated status of two years ago when the Big Blue and PG receiver Titus Ivory went undefeated and won the Prep Bowl Championship. With many new PGs and an excellent returning class, the team certainly has the talent to excel. In fact, there have been many around campus who

have compared the team to the perfect 9-0 1995 team. Instead of the great Titus Ivory '96 however, the Blue will look to big play receiver Beau Williams '98 to raise the team from its dismal level of play of last season.

Last year's team had numerous problems. As a result of various setbacks, the Blue fell into an early season rut, and only came out of it in the last two games. This year's team is fired up. Where last year's team appeared sluggish at times, the current team is athletic and quick. The two teams are about as different as could be. Head Coach Modeste made a point of putting together a squad of devoted and hard working players with a renewed passion for winning.

The Blue played their first scrimmage on Saturday against last year's league co-champion, Cushing Academy. Though it was only a scrimmage, a clear picture arose in the minds of everyone there; the Andover passing game is unstoppable. Though Cushing put more points on the board, it was apparent that the Blue coaches could have instituted a more aggressive gameplan to run up the score on the Purple Knights. Instead, Andover tested nearly all of its plays and gave most of its team extra playing time. This practice helped to work out many of the remaining kinks on both sides of the ball. The biggest story of afternoon was the superb play of Andover's quarterback and receivers. Co-Captain Kyle O'Brien '98 played a remarkable game at the helm, keeping the Cushing team on their heels for most of the game. The receivers, Co-Captain Tony Dent '98, Beau Williams '98, and Shaun Qualter '98 all had excellent games as well, giving O'Brien a variety of targets. Williams grabbed two touchdowns, showing both times that the Cushing defensive backfield, though not bad, was simply no match for Andover's receivers.

The other part of the Andover offense, the running game, is still under construction. The new offensive line is still working on the blocking schemes, but Andover appears to have the tools for an amazing ground attack. PG halfback Ryan Sax '98 is nothing short of brilliant out of the backfield. Though the holes weren't opening up as the team had expected on Saturday, Sax utilized his superb cutback skills to get every possible yard. Sax is hardly alone in the backfield, as one of the heroes of last year's Andover-Exeter victory, Jimmy Smithwick '99 is playing fullback. Smithwick is a hard-nosed runner who, unlike Sax, tends to run over linebackers. In the scrimmage against Cushing it was very apparent that as long as the line could make even the smallest of holes, the Andover backs would capitalize.

One of the weaker aspects of the Andover team is the small size of the offensive line, whose biggest member, John Constantino '99, weighs in at only 230 pounds. In comparison, the Cushing line averaged roughly 240 pounds a piece. The advantage of having such an undersized line is clearly the added dimension of speed. The front five should do a good job keeping O'Brien untouched. Plus the offense has been designed in such a way that the plays develop very quickly, making it an asset not to have slow linemen clogging up holes. Anchoring the line for the Blue are tackles Costantino and PG Shane Waldron '98. Unfortunately, PG Guard Dario Collado was injured in the scrimmage, hurting his ACL, and will likely miss the entire season. Making up the rest of the line are center Jim Mangan '98 and guards J.P. Chisholm '99 and Tim Williamson '98.

Defensively, the prospects are not quite as sure. With the injury to Collado, who was also planning to play linebacker, the Blue defense is faced with a difficult problem to solve. Collado's partner, on the other side however, is Beau Williams, who is a very steady and imposing player, with excellent quickness and great intensity. He is backed by a team of defensive backs who played considerably well in coverage on Saturday, but missed some key open field tackles. The defensive line may become the center of focus for the Andover coaches, as its play was shaky at times during the scrimmage, but with a few preseason adjustments the line should improve before the first game.

Rather than consider last year's misery, the Blue would do well to pick up from where they left off, two years ago, when the program sat comfortably high atop the rest of the prep league. On Saturday they play at home against a good Taft team and hope to start to climb the ladder that will bring Andover Football to the top of the New England Prep League.

DATE OF CONTEST: September 20, 1997

OPPONENT: Taft

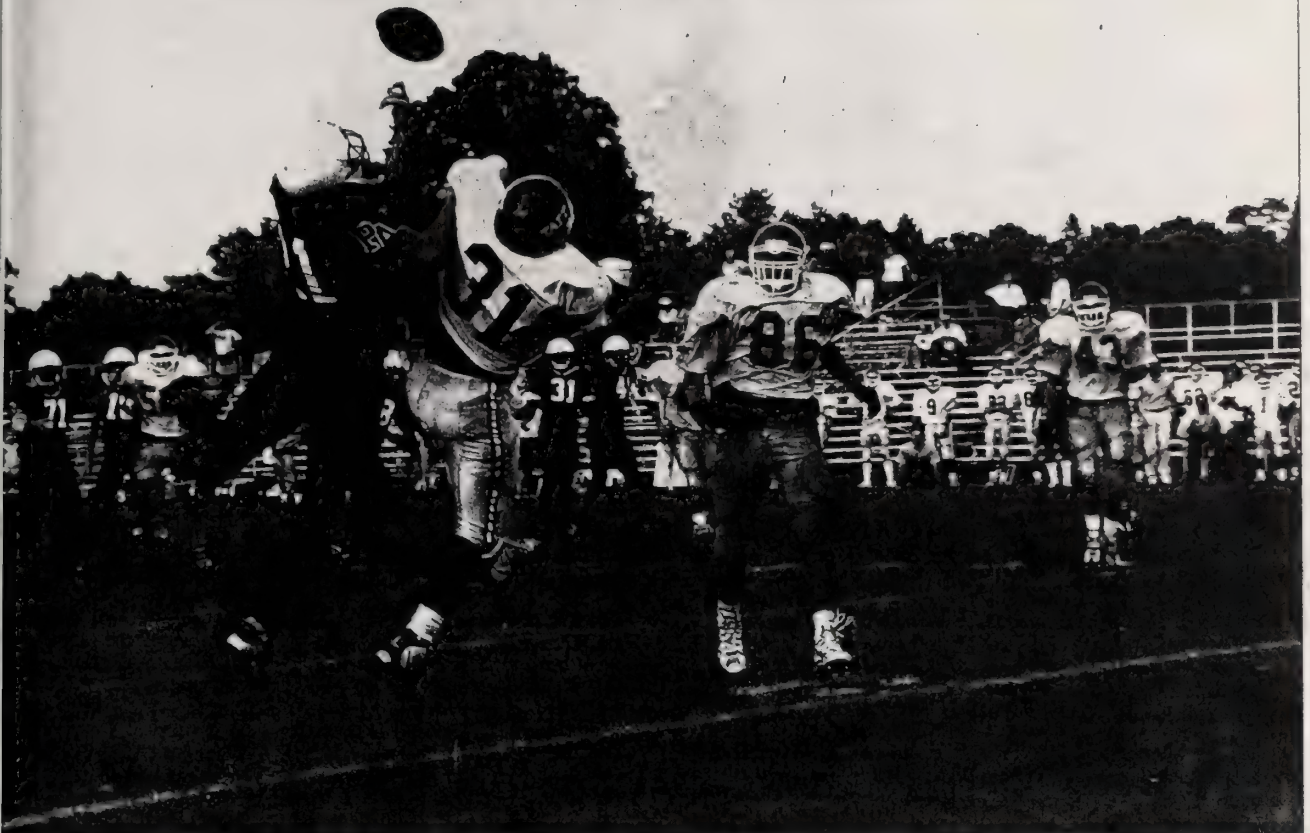
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RESULT:

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12 Taft





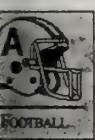
The star of Saturday's game, Beau Williams '98 goes up for a pass in the endzone. Although he failed to reel this ball in, he accounted for fourteen of Andover's seventeen points with two touchdowns and a two-point conversion

Photo / J. Mitchell

Revamped Offense Racks Up Yardage Against Taft Defense in Season Debut

by Eli Kagan and Max Schorr
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover 17
Taft 12



Saturday, Varsity Football opened the 1997 season, defeating Taft at home by a score of 17-12. The Blue started off strong, bullying Taft in the first quarter. However, as the game progressed Taft made its way back into the game, with the help of a series of mistakes by Andover. Luckily, the Big Blue came up with some big plays in the crucial final minute of the game. Though they looked sloppy at times, the football team's victory gives the direction it will need to have a successful season.

Taft won the opening coin toss and elected to receive. Postgraduate kicker Bob Cristafulli '98 sent the opening kick well into the end zone, forcing a setback. The Andover defense played confidently on the first drive,

causing a turnover deep in Taft's territory when Beau Williams '98 picked off a pass from Taft's John Marlow '98.

Led by Kyle O'Brien '98, the Blue capitalized quickly on Taft's mistake, scoring an early touchdown on a Williams reverse. Andover missed the ensuing extra point attempt on kick wide left by Cristafulli.

On the next drive, the Blue defense once again stopped the Taft offense, on an interception by Shaun Qualters '98. Andover once again capitalized on the turnover, scoring another touchdown. On the scoring play, O'Brien found Williams in the back of the end zone, giving Andover a comfortable 12-0 lead. The Blue then faked a kick, and pitched the ball to Williams, who sprinted into the end zone for the two point conversion, putting the team ahead by a score of 14-0. The quarter ended on a high note, but the game would go down hill from there. After dominating Taft on both sides of the ball, Andover began to sit on their lead. Having let their guard down, the Blue defense was pushed all the way

down the field. Taft scored on a short running play to make it 14-6, but they could not convert for an extra point. The half ended as Andover's offense drove the ball all the way down the field. With little time remaining in the half, Cristafulli drilled a thirty-plus yard field goal, making the score 17-6.

The second half was somewhat disappointing for the Blue, who lost its momentum and barely hung onto the lead. Taft scored the only second half touchdown, making the score 17-12, and bringing them within one score. Luckily the PA defense kept Taft from getting a two point conversion, which would have put the game within a field goal. The Blue had chances, but could not score additional points to put Taft away. The second half went back and forth, with neither team able to penetrate the other's end zone. The effective running of PG Ryan Sax '98 kept the clock running, while big plays on defense helped the Blue maintain the lead. The secondary, led by Tony Dent '98, Qualters, and Jeremy Hersch '99 stopped Taft's passing attack, forcing Taft to come back with their running

game. This strategy not only ate up valuable time, but also proved to be ineffective. In the closing minutes of the game, Taft began a strong final drive, but halted at midfield when Qualters picked off his second pass of the game. Andover downed the ball to outlast Taft by a final score of 17-12.

The victory has many implications. In the past few years, Andover has tended to beat Taft easily, but last season the Blue lost. By winning against Taft, Andover proved that it bared no resemblance to last year's lethargic team. In fact with a completely revamped offense, this year's team has a chance to be superb. In this, their first game as members of Phillips Academy, PGs Beau Williams, Shaun Qualters, Ryan Sax, Rob Cristafulli, and Shane Waldron made memorable debuts. The rest of the team, including Captains Dent and O'Brien also looked excellent in the season opener. The Blue, going to Hotchkiss this weekend, will look to keep the forward momentum, and come one step closer to bringing honor back to the Andover football team.

DATE OF CONTEST: September 27, 1997

OPPONENT: Hotchkiss

WHERE PLAYED: Hotchkiss

RESULT: 43 Phillips Academy
21 Hotchkiss

Blue Pummels Hotchkiss

by Eli Kagan and Max Schorr
HILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover
Hotchkiss

43
21



On Saturday, the Andover varsity football team made the long three hour bus ride to Connecticut, where they played Hotchkiss in a rematch of the 1995 Prep Bowl. After beating Taft the previous week 17-12, Andover looked to add another win to its record. To put it modestly, they did. The Blue defeated Hotchkiss by a score of 43-21, giving Andover a 2-0 mark on the season. The Phillips Academy offense, with its relatively small line put together an amazing performance, exceeding even the loftiest of expectations. Team captain and starting quarterback, Kyle O'Brien '98 was perfect on the day, completing all seven of his passes for 277 yards and 3 touchdowns. His accurate passing, along with great running from Andover's potent backfield combination of Jimmy Smithwick '99 and Ryan Sax '98, helped the Blue amass 43 points and 476 total yards.

Andover's play in Saturday's game simply couldn't have been any better. After winning the opening coin toss, Andover elected to receive. After a good return from PG Ryan Sax, the Blue offense came onto the field. On the first play from scrimmage, O'Brien passed the ball to standout receiver Beau Williams '98 down the left sideline. Williams made an over-the-shoulder catch, and then outran the Hotchkiss defensive back, scoring six points and putting the Blue ahead within the first

Andover amassed an amazing total of 476 yards with a precise passing game and a devastating running game in a 43-21 defeat of overmatched Hotchkiss

twenty seconds of the game. Though the Blue missed the extra point, Andover had clearly played its cards right, and was waiting to see what the Hotchkiss team had in its hand.

Andover kicked off feeling secure with its 6-0 lead. After a few productive plays by the Hotchkiss offense, the Blue defense began to dominate. After a strong defensive stand, the Hotchkiss offense came up with nothing. It was clear from the beginning of the game that Andover would be in control for the whole afternoon. Unlike the typical overpowering defenses run by most teams, Andover's small and quick players relied on their skill and a knack for making big plays. The defense relied on its two linebackers, O'Brien and Williams, to contain the fast Hotchkiss running game. Probably the biggest defensive play of the game came when Williams, reading the play to perfection, intercepted a pass from the Hotchkiss quarterback. Williams used his phenomenal speed to out sprint the shocked Hotchkiss players. He returned the ball roughly forty yards for a touchdown.

The defense line was bolstered by the excellent play of nose guard Jimmy Smithwick. His all around defensive effort, along with his sack, helped to terrorize the opposing center, causing numerous bad snaps, broken plays, and even a fumble. Playing alongside

him, tackles John Costantino '99 and PG Shane Waldron '98 played solidly, keeping the opposing offense under a hundred yards rushing and not allowing a single touchdown on the ground. The two defensive ends, J.P. Chisholm '99 and Mark Hordon '00, also played well, helping to stifle the Hotchkiss attack.

In the defensive backfield, cornerbacks Jeremy Hersch '99 and Ryan Sax '98, and Captain Tony Dent '98 and Shaun Qualters '98, shut down the Hotchkiss passing game, allowing only a single touchdown against the first string which came when the score was already 33-0. On three separate occasions, opposing players broke through the defense, and would surely have scored had it not been for the tireless pursuit of the Blue defenses. It is this kind of devotion to victory which will likely guide Andover through the season.

In general the game proved that the Andover team has the ability to play against any opponent and come up victorious: Towards the end of the game with the Blue on top 33-7, Andover took out its starters, hoping to give its second and third string players a chance to get experience. At this point in the game, it was clear that Andover had already clinched a victory, but rather than relent, the Hotchkiss team left its starting players in on

both sides of the ball and scored two touchdowns against Andover's underclassmen. Andover however, made it clear to Hotchkiss that PA would not lose on this afternoon. After Hotchkiss scored the second of the two touchdowns, the Blue put the starting return team in, and Sax took the ball back 94 yards for a touchdown. With the two-point conversion, the Blue was ahead by a score of 41-21. As Andover went on to run out the clock, it tacked on two more points with a safety.

The key to Andover's success has clearly been on the offensive side of the ball. In both regular season games, the Blue offense jumped out to early first quarter leads, which proved insurmountable for its opponents. The efficiency of the offense is clearly a result of its multifaceted attack. Though most of the recognition for the team's success has gone to the passing game, the ground attack is just as good. In the past two games, running back Sax has gained over 200 hundred yards, averaging over 6 yards per carry. On Saturday, in the third quarter, when the Hotchkiss defense was guarding against the pass, Sax took a sweep play around the corner and down the sideline for a touchdown.

The 43-21 victory over Hotchkiss moves Andover to a record of 2-0. Next Saturday, the varsity football team will face a very strong team from Choate that defeated Exeter 40-0 early this season. The game, at Andover, should be an exciting one, as both teams are undefeated. While the PA team utilizes speed and passing, the Choate team is a hard nosed, run up the middle power house. The differences in offensive strategy should be interesting to watch.



Ryan Sax '98, pictured here, was instrumental against Hotchkiss on Saturday, as the Blue overwhelmed the opposing defense with a powerful, multi-faceted attack

DATE OF CONTEST: October 4, 1997

OPPONENT: Choate

WHERE PLAYED: Phillips Academy

RESULT:

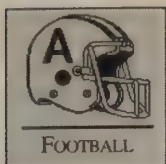
14 Phillips Academy
18 Choate



Football Team Squanders Opportunities Against Powerful Squad from Choate

by Eli Kagan and Max Schorr
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Choate 18
Andover 14



Saturday, the previously undefeated varsity football played against an excellent Choate team. After a stunning victory over

Hotchkiss the previous week, the team looked to keep their winning streak alive, but despite the Blue's strong play Choate emerged victorious by the score of 18-14. The game was actually even closer than the score indicated. This is the first speed bump the boys have hit so far this season, but the team remains optimistic about their chances.

The determined Andover team led at half time by the score of 7-6, but could not hang on to that slim lead. After a Blue fumble in the third quarter, the Choate running back plunged the ball into the Blue end zone. In the same quarter, Choate, with strong running and superior line play, steam-rolled down the field for yet another touchdown against Andover, putting the visiting team ahead by a score of 18-7. But the Blue was not finished. Behind a revved up home crowd, the PA offense drove down the field on four pass plays, and put the ball in the end zone. The game looked to be within Andover's grasp, however, with the score 18-14, Choate tried to sit on their lead. On a running play up the middle designed solely for the purpose of running out the clock, the Choate running back fumbled the ball right into the hands of defensive back Ryan Sax, who returned the ball roughly twenty yards. The play inspired the crowd and the Andover team, but with the Choate team in a prevent defense, the Blue couldn't gain any significant yardage after a couple of key dropped passes, and turned the ball over without putting any more points on the board. The game ended as Andover's desperate quarterback attempted to throw a long pass into the end zone. However, the play was broken up, and time ran out with the score 18-14 in Choate's favor.

This week's loss could easily have been a victory. Andover allowed only one real touchdown drive, and the Blue basically beat itself with an exaggerated number of mistakes. If things had gone in the Blue's favor, Andover could have won by two touchdowns. At one point in the first half, Captain Kyle O'Brien '98, at quarterback, passed the ball into the end zone to PG receiver Beau Williams. Williams caught the ball, but was ruled out of bounds. Later video replays would

show definitively that Williams was in bounds. Setbacks such as this plagued the Blue all day. In another first half debacle, fullback Jimmy Smithwick '99 mishandled a hand-off from O'Brien deep in Choate's territory.

Another key factor in the loss was Andover offensive line's inability to protect O'Brien, who was sacked a number of times on the day. The constant Choate pass rush kept the Andover passing game out of sync, forcing the Blue to alter its gameplan. A week ago against Hotchkiss, O'Brien completed all 7 of his passes for 277 yards; this week he was 13-25, with only 130 yards. The Choate defense could easily cover the Andover receivers, because they controlled the line of scrimmage and shut down the running game. After they took the lead, they simply covered the pass for the rest of the game, preventing Andover's usually potent passing attack from playing a significant role late in the game.

The Blue running game was simply out-muscled, as tailback Ryan Sax '98 managed only 40 yards on 14 carries, after having racked up more than 200 yds in the first two games. Andover's lack of size across the front allowed the Choate linebackers to handle nearly all of the running plays,

stuffing both Sax and Smithwick at the line of scrimmage.

Defensively, Andover played well, keeping the Choate offense in check for a good portion of the afternoon. At tackle, PG Shane Waldron had an excellent game, finishing with eight tackles, and a considerable number of hurries.

However, aside from Waldron; there were considerable lapses in the defensive line, as the Blue was out-muscled by the large Choate offensive lineman. Choate's backs pounded the ball inside incessantly, moving the ball almost unchecked. Stellar play by the Andover defensive backs was all that the defense could fall back on.

Though the loss sets Andover back considerably, the team is still very much in contention for the league championship. The only team in the league still undefeated is Cushing, whom the Blue played to a stand still in the pre-season scrimmage. Andover will play against Kent next Saturday, a team that already beat Choate. Since Kent already lost to Avon their record is not unblemished, the Blue can still make it to the prep bowl, as long as they go undefeated from here on out. This Saturday they play away at Kent and hope to put themselves back on track towards the post season.



Ryan Sax '98 put together his third 100yd rushing day in only the fourth game of the season on Saturday. He also reeled in a 41yd pass from Kyle O'Brien '98 to position the Blue for its dramatic overtime victory.

Photo / J. Mitchell

DATE OF CONTEST: October 11, 1997

OPPONENT: Kent

WHERE PLAYED: Kent

RESULT: 21 Phillips Academy
20 Kent

Blue Drops Kent in OT Thriller

With a dramatic comeback victory over Kent, Andover reemerged as a contender in the wide open race for an all-important Prep Bowl berth

by Eli Kagan

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover 21
Kent 20

The Andover varsity football team emerged victorious this past Saturday, beating Kent in one of the most dramatic overtime wins in recent memory. The Blue, having lost to Choate the previous week, moved back into post season contention and knocked Kent out of the running. PA took the close game by a score of 21-20, relying on their goal line defense to carry them at the end. After a close loss at the hands of Choate two weeks ago, Andover wanted to prove themselves against a Kent team that beat Choate.

To begin the game, Kent received the ball. On the kickoff, as throughout the game, the Blue had trouble containing the Kent returner, who utilized his blinding speed and fantastic cutting ability.

After shutting Kent down on its first drive, the Andover offense that had been completely shut down in the last game put forth a good first half effort, scoring first on a short running play by fullback Jimmy Smithwick '99. However, the Kent defense broke through the line and blocked PG Rob Crisafulli's '98 extra point attempt, keeping the score at 6-0.

The previously undefeated Kent team fought back. After Smithwick's touchdown, Kent responded with two of its own, putting Kent ahead by a half time score of 14-6. After an evenly fought third quarter, the Blue was still behind, as neither team could put any more points on the board. With four minutes left in the final quarter, Quarterback Kyle O'Brien '98 connected with PG running back Ryan Sax '98 along the left sideline for a 41 yard diving touchdown reception. The Blue was down by 2

points, meaning Andover had to attempt a two-point conversion. Everyone knew where the ball was going. O'Brien passed the ball into the end zone to PG receiver Beau Williams '98. Williams in yet another heroic play, extended, dived, and caught the ball, tying the score at 14-14 at the end of regulation.

By Connecticut rules, an overtime game is decided by allowing each team four plays to score from its opponent's 25-yard line. Andover went first, and scored quickly on two fast passing plays, O'Brien connecting once again with Sax for the score. Crisafulli hit the extra point, putting Andover on top by a score of 21-14. Kent's offense took the field. On its first play in overtime, the Kent offense put the ball in the hands of one of its backs on a short flair pass, into the end zone. With the score 21-

20 in Andover's favor, the Kent team had two options: either end the game with a tie or go for the win with a two-point conversion. The Kent team, which had a perfect record, opted to go for two points and the win. From the three-yard line, they attempted their bread and butter play, the option. As their quarterback sprinted towards the outside of the field he was met by defensive end J.P. Chisholm '99. But before Chisholm could stop the play, the ball was pitched to Kent's elusive running back. Kent's back needed only two yards to win the game for Kent, but on this, the most important play of the game, he was stuffed by a host of Blue defenders.

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Leon Modeste
Head Football Coach

Playing a major role in the Andover victory was the defensive unit, which simply shut down Kent's option offense. Kent's offense looked unstoppable at the beginning of the game, yet it was quickly contained as the PA defense caught on. Throughout the second half, the Blue defense systematically thwarted any scoring attempt by Kent, keeping Andover in the game. Playing a major role in the defense this week once again was PG Shane Waldron, whose solid defensive play at tackle, helped to keep the Kent running game in check. Also playing very well was new defensive end Mark Hordon '00. The two Blue linebackers, O'Brien and Williams, both played excellent games, finishing with 8 and 9 tackles respectively, and combining for the tackle of the game which clinched a Blue victory.

Offensively the Blue line played very well overall. In the second half, the small Andover line simply dominated the skilled Kent defense. Excellent play came from the entire unit, but especially from the tackles, Waldron and John Costantino '99. Also, Center Jim Mangan '98 played well, controlling the middle of the line. Fullback Jimmy Smithwick had a fine game, scoring his first touchdown of the season, and gaining 85 yards on 14 carries. His hard-nosed play this season has been a good complement to Sax's finesse running game.

At halfback, Ryan Sax had arguably his best game ever. He gained 105 yards on 14 carries, while making two touchdown receptions that were crucial to win. When asked about that game, he replied that he was simply "ecstatic". He later said that in his opinion, the game was one of the two best he had ever played in.

The coaches were equally elated, as Head Coach Leon Modeste said after the game, "The most impressive thing about the victory was how our kids adjusted and adapted to adverse situations, and that's a tribute to the character of

the team." And in truth that was the difference. The Andover team was strong in the face of

adversity. The victory was a testament to Andover's will to win. It puts Andover back on track towards a league championship, as all the teams in contention have one loss, except Cushing.

Next week the Blue face the Northfield Mount Herman Hogs. Last year at NMH, the Blue suffered a terrible defeat, losing 33-0. But this year's NMH team seems beatable. After losing convincingly to Choate, it looks like this Saturday's game may be very interesting. Since both teams have one loss, the game is in a sense do or die. Andover will once

again pit its quick and skilled style of play to the test against the NMH power offense. Hopefully this time, unlike against Choate, the Andover team will show their true colors, and lift its record to 4-1.

1997 STATISTICS

OFFENSE

PASSING- KYLE O'BRIEN

Week	Com/Att	Comp %	Yds/gm	TDs
1	7-10	70%	85	1
2	7-7	100%	277	3
3	13-25	52%	130	1
4	10-13	77%	232	2
Total	37-55	67%	157	7

RUSHING- RYAN SAX

Week	Carr/gm	Yds/gm	TDs
1	20	128	0
2	16	102	1
3	14	40	1
4	14	105	0
Total	16	94	2

RUSHING- JIMMY SMITHWICK

Week	Carr/gm	Yds/gm	TDs
1	6	48	0
2	6	36	0
3	1	4	0
4	14	85	1
Total	7	43	1

DEFENSE

SEASON TOTALS

Player	Tackles	Sacks	INTs
O'Brien	23	1	0
Williams	29	1	1
Sax	5	0	2
Constan	12	0	0
Chisholm	14	0	0
Smithwick	15	1	0
Dent	15	0	0
Hersch	17	0	0
Blanch	13	0	0
Waldron	19	0	0
Hordon	15	1	0

DATE OF CONTEST: October 18, 1997

OPPONENT: Northfield Mount Hermon

WHERE PLAYED: Phillips Academy

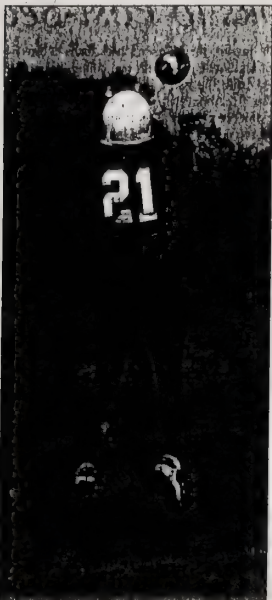
RESULT: 15 Phillips Academy
13 NMH

Blue Goes Hog Wild

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PHILIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover 15
NMHI 13

Last year's NEPSAC Football Champion, Northfield-Mount Hermon, came to Andover this past Saturday, and lost to the Blue after a thrilling fourth quarter by a score of 15-13. The game was Phillips Academy's most exciting non Andover-Exeter football competition in recent memory. As usual, the NMHI Hoggers came to Andover as heavy favorites. Their lustrous line, comprising primarily of PG's, and their enormous and talented running backs sought to tear apart the undersized Andover team, and looking back on



Beau Williams '98 stretches for a ball.

Photo / J. Mitchell

the game, it seems that NMHI probably should have won. But through a united team effort, the Big Blue was able to overcome the outstanding Hogger team.

With the score 15-7 in Andover's favor, and the game almost over, the Hoggers were looking to move the ball down the field. Utilizing their skilled backs, Peter Beatrice and Chris Perruse, they advanced the ball all the way to the Andover 2 yard line. On the next play Beatrice ran the ball off tackle into the end zone. With 1:28 left on the clock and Andover up by a score of 15-13, it was clear that NMHI would attempt a two-point conversion. The play began as the NMHI quarterback rolled right, looking into the end zone. He spotted a wide open receiver and passed. Though it seemed that the NMHI receiver would make the catch, left defensive end, Mark Hordon '00 made a diving interception, stopping the Hoggers conversion, and effectively winning the game for the Blue.

The game was well played on the part of both teams. Neither team really controlled the contest for any considerable amount of time. In the first quarter, Northfield received the ball first, hoping to exploit Andover's lack of size. But the quick Andover team kept the Northfield offense in check. Early in the quarter, cornerback Jeremy Hersch '99 intercepted a tight sideline pass breaking up a strong NMHI drive. Later in the quarter Andover drove the ball into the Hoggers red zone. However, PA failed to score a touchdown. PG Rob Crisefulli '98 attempted a tough 26 yard field goal, but missed, sending the ball wide left.

The first half momentum shifted back and forth, as neither team was able to put any points on the board. The half ended with a surprising score of 0-0.

In the second half, the NMHI offense had more success with its running game. Play after play the Hoggers pounded the ball off tackle and up the middle. Andover routinely missed laces, as its players seemed to bounce off the 220 pound fullback, Chris Perruse. But Andover's offense wasn't silent either. As the Blue had seen in the first half, the finesse running game of PG Ryan Sax '98 was neutralized by the Hogger's defensive size. Because of this, Coach Modeste moved Sax to receiver where he could use his blinding speed more successfully. The decision by coach Modeste paid off amazingly well. On a third down play, Captain Kyle O'Brien connected with Sax on a 17-yard pass into the endzone. Crisefulli's extra point

gave the Blue a 7-0 lead. NMHI never took quickly, however.

Faced with a potential loss, the potent Hogger offense exploded. It drove the ball down the field nearly unchecked by the tired Blue defense. The Hoggers scored on a one-yard touchdown run by Beatrice, and the ensuing extra point tied the game at seven.

In the fourth quarter, Coach Modeste's earlier choice to move Sax out to receiver proved worthwhile once again. O'Brien and Sax connected on a short pass, which Sax turned into a 44 yard TD reception with an impressive run after the catch, putting the Blue ahead 13-7. The Blue then reached into its bag of tricks, faking an extra point attempt and handing off to Beau Williams '98 who took the ball into the endzone almost untouched. This play gave Andover a lead that it wouldn't relinquish.

The victory for Andover was the result of strong defensive play. The Andover defense kept the team in the game against a fantastic offense. Holding NMHI scoreless in the first half gave the Blue the needed emotional surge to win. At linebacker, Williams and O'Brien both had excellent games finishing with 8 and 7 tackles respectively. Williams also had a crucial interception.

Offensively, Andover's front line played an important role in the game. The small line's ability to protect O'Brien led to the Blue's only touchdowns. O'Brien, who had 204 passing yards, mentioned after the game, that "The excellent play of the offensive line played was a major factor in the game." When asked about the game in general he said, "We're really beginning to come together as a team, we weren't about to let NMHI come into our house and beat us."

Another of the outstanding Andover players, Ryan Sax, remarked after the game about the astonishing second half performance, "I didn't really expect it, but in general, our team's performance in the second half, made the difference in the game." Sax and Williams each had over a hundred yards receiving in the game, giving the Blue a necessary boost.

As of right now, the standings in the Prep League are undetermined. Cushing is the only team remaining undefeated. Right behind Cushing, both Andover and Choate have one loss. But because Choate defeated the Blue earlier in the season, it would seem that they have the edge. However there are still three games left, and the Prep Bowl selections are far from

over.

Next week the varsity football team travels to Western Massachusetts, where it will play a strong Deerfield team. Riding on the crest of a two game winning streak, the Blue hopes to continue its league dominance with a victory at Deerfield.

All of the key position players, as well as the men in the trenches are hitting their peak for the football season. If Cushing loses against a powerful Choate squad, the race for the prep bowl will be among five teams, with Andover at the front of the pack.

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Total	48-63	58%	186	9

RUSHING- RYAN SAX

Week	Carr/gm	Yds/gm	TDs
1	20	128	0
2	16	102	1
3	14	40	1
4	14	105	0
5	10	21	0
Total	15	79	2

RUSHING- JIMMY SMITHWICK

Week	Carr/gm	Yds/gm	TDs
1	8	48	0
2	6	46	0
3	1	4	0
4	14	85	1
5	4	18	0
Total	7	38	1

DEFENSE

SEASON TOTALS

Player	Ottatiano	Saunders	Tackles	Sacks	INTs
O'Brien	1	0			
Williams	1	0			
Sax	30	1	0		
Constant	37	1	2		
Uno	7	0	2		
Chisholm	17	0	0		
Smith	17	0	0		
wirk	21	1	0		
Dent	20	0	0		
Harsch	19	0	1		
Blanch	20	0	0		
Waldron	21	0	0		
Hordon	19	1	0		
Qualter	8	0	2		
Mangan	1	0	0		
Dietz	5	1	0		
Kagan	3	0	0		



Kyle O'Brien '98 passed for 204 yards Saturday against NMH, connecting twice with PG Ryan Sax for touchdowns. Andover's victory over the Hogs brought the boys a step closer to a berth in the Prep Bowl, though several strong teams remains in the running.

Photo / J. Mitchell

DATE OF CONTEST: October 25, 1997

OPPONENT: Deerfield

WHERE PLAYED: Deerfield

RESULT: 20 Phillips Academy
19 Deerfield

Football Rolls on to 5-1

Andover 20
Deerfield 19

Saturday, Andover's Varsity Football team ventured to the Western woods of Massachusetts, where it defeated an excellent Deerfield team in the last minute of play by a score of 20-19. The victory moved the PA team one step closer to a Prep-Bowl berth, moving its record to an impressive 5-1, with its only loss having come at the hands of Choate.

Saturday's victory was yet another in a long string of close games for the Blue. Every game this season, aside from the Hotchkiss

contest, has been decided in the fourth quarter. The Deerfield game was no exception. With the score 20-13 in Andover's favor, the Blue kicked off to Deerfield, with little time remaining on the clock. Though the Blue had been leading all game, it became clear as the fourth quarter progressed that Deerfield's offense was beginning to

dominate. As it had done on their previous drive, Deerfield put the ball into the endzone on a short passing play. With the score 20-19, it was unclear at first whether Deerfield would go for the extra point or a two point conversion. But as most teams would have under the circumstances, Deerfield opted to try for two, and thus the victory. Receiving the snap, the Deerfield quarterback sprinted to the right on a bootleg, looking for a receiver in the endzone. Just as he was about to throw, PG linebacker Beau Williams '98 dove at him, prompting a poor throw which was broken up by Andover cornerback Jeremy Hersch '99. Andover recovered Deerfield's on-side kick and let time run out, securing the win.

However, the victory was a costly one, as the Blue lost both PG tailback Ryan Sax '98 and fullback Jimmy Smithwick '99 to injuries. Sax went down early in the first half, with what was later diagnosed as a broken collarbone. Smithwick, also injured in the first half, separated his shoulder, prompting his early departure. It is likely that both players will be out for the remainder of the season. The loss was a disappointing one for the Blue, as the two backs had accounted for the vast majority of the Blue's running yards through the season. Andover will rely on its remaining three running backs, Justin Blanch '00, Steve Dietz '98, and Juma Waugh '98 to keep the team's ground attack alive.

Saturday's game began as the Blue jumped out to a 6-0 lead on a short Smithwick touchdown run. Andover's lead would hold for the rest of the game. The Blue defense

the second touchdown coming on a short pass from Kyle O'Brien '98 to Shaun Qaulter '98. The Blue's inability to close out the game when Deerfield was playing poorly was partly a result of the poor weather, which caused a number of mistakes. Also key injuries to the Blue running game, forced Andover out of its usually multifaceted offense and into a pass-oriented attack. The score at the end of the half was 13-0, in Andover's favor.

At halftime, the Blue, having lost two of its best players and biggest team leaders, seemed as a whole discouraged.

Though highly vocal, it seemed that many players were unsure of the prospects for the rest of the game, and the season. As the second half began, it became clear that Deerfield seemed more confident in its abilities. Early in the third quarter, Deerfield capitalized on its newly found confidence, scoring a

touchdown but missing the point after attempt. They went on to score again, quashing Andover's early lead. However, in the final quarter, the Blue struck back, adding another touchdown, but it almost seemed in desperation, as the Deerfield offense jumped right back when given the ball. On its final drive of the game, the Deerfield team scored easily, taking advantage of the height of its receivers, over the smaller Andover cornerbacks. Having scored the touchdown, Deerfield nearly overcame the Blue but was stopped short on the go ahead two-point conversion attempt.

Offensively the Blue's play was inconsistent at times, but the big story was the excellent play of Justin Blanch, who filled in for the injured running backs. With the score close late in the game, Blanch restored the team's confidence almost single-handedly. His fearless running cut through the Deerfield defense, setting up the Andover touchdown that was the difference in the game. Led by team captain Kyle O'Brien, the passing game was also a major factor. O'Brien played well all afternoon, rushing for 64 yards, scoring one rushing touchdown and passing for another. When asked about the victory, O'Brien praised the deserving offensive line for their outstanding play, and said, "The victory is yet another tribute to the team, because even after the injuries, we stuck together and pulled through." Beau Williams made similar remarks, commenting on the impressive manner in which the team pulled together and held strong for the win.

The victory over Deerfield

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Kyle O'Brien '98
Starting Quarterback



The Andover defense came up big this week, holding Deerfield to six points through the first three quarters, and stopping the Green on a key two-point conversion.

Photo / J. Mitchell

Injuries Take Huge Toll on Andover's Rushing Attack

by Max Schorr

PHILIPPIAN SPORTS WRITER

In Saturday's victory over Deerfield, Andover football lost Ryan Sax '98 and Jimmy Smithwick '99 for the remainder of the season in what Coach Modeste called "the most costly victory I've ever been involved in." The loss of these two key players creates an obstacle that can only be overcome if the entire team picks up its play.

Andover's first devastating loss occurred on the first drive of the game when Ryan Sax broke his left clavicle, an injury that will sideline him for the final two games. Then, midway through the second quarter, Jimmy Smithwick dislocated his right shoulder, tearing a ligament in the process. The starting backfield's season had ended. Sax was the team's most versatile player. His speed and ability to make tacklers miss made him invaluable, whether playing tailback, wide receiver, or returning punts and kick-offs. Smithwick was the team's power runner, an up-the-middle guy, who, as a blocking back, could take on linebackers. As a runner, Smithwick could always come up with the important first down. Amazingly, Smithwick averaged 6 yards per carry. Sax and Smithwick complemented each other perfectly. Their combined speed and power has played an important role in



RYAN SAX '98
Out for the Season

Andover's success.

A great challenge now lies ahead for their replacements, Justin Blanch '00, Lewis Brown '99, and Steve Dietz '98. Blanch is set to replace Sax at tailback, while Dietz and Waugh are slated for fullback. Dietz has played some fullback, and his experience will be key. Blanch, who will start at tailback, appeared ready in the second half of Saturday's

game and all this week at practice. Brown and Blanch will return the kickoffs. On defense, Ottariano will fill in for Sax at cornerback and Dietz will replace Smithwick at nose tackle. These players' performances will be crucial for the team's success.

This Saturday Andover plays Marshfield in a non-league

matchup. Look for Andover to rest some of its players while giving others experience. Banged up stars such as Beau Williams '98, and Shane Waldron '98, will probably get some well-earned rest. Williams and Dent will probably only play offense, while Charles Forelle '98 will spell Waldron.

To this point in the season, Andover has done very well. However, what happens from here on out will define the squad. Coach Mo said, "The true test of a team is how it handles the hard times. Saturday was the most costly victory I've ever been involved in. One might say, we won the war but lost the battle. But I am proud. Our kids hung together so that no one had to hang by himself."

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5	11-28	39%	204	2
6	6-11	55%	130	1
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RUSHING- JIMMY SMITHWICK

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2	6	36	0
3	1	4	0
4	14	85	1
5	4	18	0
6	14	55	1
Total	8	39	2

RUSHING- JUSTIN BLANCH

Week	Carr/gm	Yds/gm	TDs
6	6	35	0

DEFENSE

SEASON TOTALS

Player	Tackles	Sacks	INTs
O' Brien	38	1	0
Williams	38	1	2
Sax	7	0	2
Costan.	19	0	0
Chshlm	19	0	0
Smthwk	25	2	0
Dent	26	0	0
Hersch	26	0	2
Blanch	23	0	0
Waldron	25	1	0
Hordon	26	1	0
Qualter	12	0	2
Mangan	2	0	0
Dietz	6	1	0
Kagan	4	0	0
Ottarno	2	0	0
Saunders	1	0	0
Williamsn	3	0	0
Lasater	1	0	0

UPCOMING OPPONENTS

@Marshfield	Nov. 1	2:00
@Exeter	Nov. 8	3:30

DATE OF CONTEST: November 8, 1997

OPPONENT: Exeter

WHERE PLAYED: Exeter

RESULT: 35 Phillips Academy
0 Exeter

For the third consecutive year, the Blue defeated Exeter in the 117th renewal of their rivalry.

by Eli Kagan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover 35
Exeter 0

The varsity football team traveled to New Hampshire this past Saturday, to compete in the 117th renewal of the annual Andover-Exeter rivalry. The game has been played every year for the last 120 years with only two exceptions. The rivalry has existed since cousins Samuel Phillips and John Phillips founded the two Prep Schools in the late eighteenth century.

Today the storied Andover-Exeter competition exists as one of the nation's oldest rivalries. In this year's meeting, in front of a large and vocal crowd, Andover soundly defeated a mediocre Exeter team that failed to win a game all season.

The Blue looked unstoppable as it played a strong game on all fronts, scoring five touchdowns, and shutting out Exeter. The final score was an astounding 35-0. After the game, Cornerback Jeremy Hersch '99 commented, "With all the close games we've had, it was nice to go out and crush them." The win improved Andover's regular season record to 6-1.

In Andover-Exeter football history, the outcome has seldom been determined by regular season performance. Last year, the weak Blue squad defeated an Exeter team, that was far superior on paper, in a fourth quarter thriller, by a score of 3-0.

As was the case in the most recent Andover-Exeter competition, the game looked to be an exciting one from the onset. Though Andover had a much better season, it was understood by all, that the game could go either way.

Winning the opening coin toss, Exeter deferred to Andover, who opted to receive. On its first play from scrimmage, the Blue offense, led by starting quarterback and team captain Kyle O'Brien, threw an interception, on an over-the-middle pass. The mistake quieted the loud PA sideline, and ignited a red frenzy on the home side of the field. The interception was caused by a slowly released, and under thrown pass by O'Brien. However, his later play would easily make up for the early let back.

The Big Red took over, driving deep into Andover territory from near the mid-field line. After a convincing first down, the Blue defense shut the driving Red offense down on three consecutive plays, prompting a 43 yard field goal attempt. However, the Red special team came up short, as it missed short and wide to the right.

Having regained the ball, the offense was determined not to repeat its earlier mistakes. Starting from its own ten yard line, the Blue drove the ball all the way down the field, on numerous runs by Jimmy Smithwick '99 and Justin Blanch '00.

One of the major contributing factors on the drive was the superb play of the Andover offensive line, consisting of center Jim Mangan '98, Guards J.P. Chisholm '99 and Tim Williamson '98, and tackles PG Shane Waldron and John Costantino '99.

"With all the close games we've had, it was nice to go out and crush them."

Jeremy Hersch '99
Starting Cornerback

In reference to the line's play, O'Brien commented that the team "played outstandingly, opening up holes and I didn't get pressured once."

Inside Exeter's red zone, the Blue offense looked to PG receiver and running back, Beau Williams '98. Williams capitalized on a short running play into the end zone, plowing over numerous Exeter defenders on the way. With the score 6-0, Andover kicker, PG Rob Crisafulli, connected on the point after attempt.

In the second quarter with the score 7-0, the potent Andover attack drove the ball down the field once again, scoring on a 3 yard O'Brien quarterback sneak. Later in the quarter, O'Brien connected with Williams on a long 52 yard touchdown pass.

On the point after attempt, Crisafulli was shaken up, as he was tackled before the kick. However, because of a fortunate Exeter rushing the long snapper penalty, the Blue received another chance. This time, Andover faked the extra point, as O'Brien connected with Qualter for the two-point conversion.

The Blue went into the locker room with an astounding half time lead of 22-0.

In the third quarter, neither

team could put any points on the board, as the defenses controlled the tempo. However as the fourth quarter began, Andover scored on an excellent play to Captain Tony Dent '98. O'Brien passed the ball laterally down the line of scrimmage to Dent, who proceeded to bully his way into the end zone. Crisafulli's kick put the Blue ahead by a score of 29-0. With little time remaining on the clock, the Exeter team repeatedly attempted long passes from a shot gun formation. On one of these attempts, the Red fumbled the snap, and was stopped on about the three yard line. After taking over on downs, the second string Andover players punched the ball in yet again, on a Juma Waugh '98 rush.

The difference in the game for the Blue was the unblemished play of the defense. In this its first shut out of the year, the Andover team defense looked overwhelming. With the recent injury to PG Ryan Sax, the team looked to replacement starter Mark Ottariano '00 to step up at cornerback. Ottariano played very well, allowing only one completion, and nearly intercepting a pass. Another key factor for the Blue was the much improved play of the special teams unit.

In the Blue's only loss of the season, it could be argued that it was the difference between winning and losing, letting up two long kickoff returns. However, against Exeter, the coverage team played very well, never giving the Red starting field position past the thirty yard line.

Offensively, the Blue played up to even the loftiest of expectations. At tailback, the injured Sax's replacement, Justin Blanch '00, rushed for 75 yards. His play, along with that of fullbacks Smithwick '99 and Dietz '98 was excellent.

Also playing a key role in the offense were the tight ends, PG Shaun Qualter and Tony Dent. Qualter caught a two point conversion pass, and Dent caught a short hitch pass, and plowed his way into the end zone.

Big Blue Trounces Griffins 35-0 In 117th Andover-Exeter Classic





Athlete of the Week Beau Williams '98, pictured running after a reception, scored two touchdowns in Andover's 35-0 demolition of Phillips Exeter Academy.

Photo / J. Mitchell

DATE OF CONTEST: November 15

OPPONENT: New Hampton

WHERE PLAYED: Phillips Academy

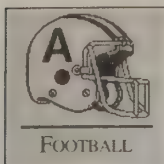
RESULT: 28 Phillips Academy
14 New Hampton



Blue Settles for Class B Prep Bowl Appearance

by Max Schorr

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



Tomorrow, varsity football faces New Hampton in the recently inaugurated Class B Prep Bowl.

Andover's post season berth came as a surprise because of the NEPSAC's newly structured football post-season. This change gives Andover a chance to end its season with an emphatic exclamation point following the excellent showing at Exeter. Now Andover, excited about a championship game, opposes the talented New Hampton team.

For a while it appeared that Andover, despite its great season, would be snubbed by the Prep Bowl; Undefeated Cushing and a Choate team that had only loss and a head-to-head win over Andover seemed to be locks for the two championship berths.

However, with so many PGs heading to prep schools, the alliance committee decided to change the format for the NEPSAC's football post season.

The committee set up a system with four divisions, A,B,C, and D. A is for teams with 8-12 PGs; B is for teams with 8 or fewer PGs; C is for teams with no PGs; and D is for the smaller schools.

Along with size of school and number of PGs the committee looks at a team's record, strength of schedule, and geographical location to determine the best match ups. So although the past system would have ended Andover's season early, the new system benefits teams like Andover who succeed more through developing a good senior core of players than through shipping in super star PGs. The change in for-

mat was only announced recently.

Thus, Andover's post season berth was a welcome surprise.

With a berth in the Prep Bowl Andover faces New Hampton with a chance to win a NEPSAC championship. This season, Andover has really come together as a team because of the strong core of senior players who have been brought along in the system together. Throughout the season Andover has shown tremendous character, pulling out its close games; the boys have not lost in overtime all season. Perhaps, as Coach Mo believes, this character comes from 'the gold team', those who practiced against the starters, using their opponent's plays, and although sometimes short of playing time, were never short of effort and spirit.

Tomorrow a fired up Andover squad will attempt to end its season with a bang. The Big Blue, as it has done all season, will mix things up on offense. A ground attack of Justin Blanch '00, Jimmy Smithwick '99, and Beau Williams '98, balancing senior captain Kyle O'Brien's aerial assault to Tony Dent '98, Shaun Qualter '98, Williams, Jeremy Hersch '99, and Lewis Brown '99, will keep the New Hampton defense off guard.

Defensively, the goal is to slow down New Hampton's star tailback, Willie Ford, who combines speed and agility to frustrate opposing defenders. If the Blue can slow down Ford, the game will be Andover's.

At 1 p.m. tomorrow, Andover is at home to face New Hampton with the NEPSAC Class B championship at stake. No matter what happens, the football team's season will remain a success, but a victory would give Andover its championship pride and the rings that go with it.

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4	14	85	1
5	4	18	0
6	14	55	1
7	56	56	0
Total	8	43	2

RUSHING- JUSTIN BLANCH

Week	Carr/gm	Yds/gm	TDs
6	6	35	0
7	15	75	0

DEFENSE

SEASON TOTALS

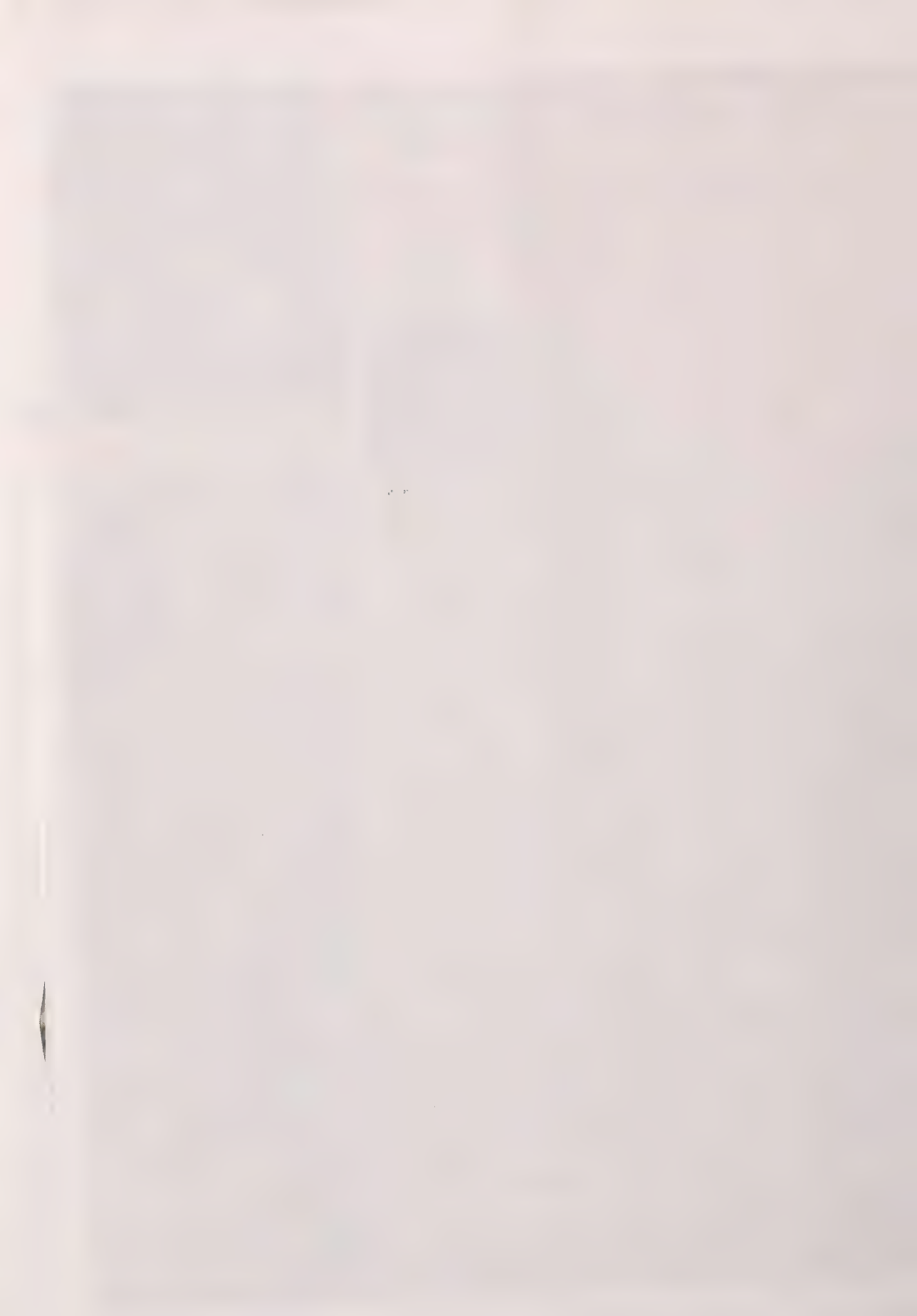
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O' Brien	44	4	0
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Sax	7	0	2
Costan.	21	0	0
Chshlm	23	0	0
Smthwk	25	2	0
Dent	30	2	0
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Andover 35, Exeter 0 at Exeter, NH

Andover(6-1).....	7	15	0	13	-35
Exeter (0-8).....	0	0	0	0	-0

A- Beau Williams 11yd run (Crisafulli kick)
A- Kyle O'Brien 1yd run (Crisafulli kick)
A- Williams 51yd pass from O'Brien (Shaun Qualter pass from O'Brien)
A- Tony Dent 8yd run (Crisafulli kick)
A- Juma Waugh 4yd run (rush failed)

Andover will play this Sunday at home against New Hampton in the Class B Prep Bowl



Football Crushes New Hamp

Andover claimed the Class B Prep Championship on Saturday with a two touchdown victory.

by Max Schorr and Eli Kagan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover 28 New Hampton 14

Last Saturday, on a muddy and partially snow-covered home field, the Andover Football Team routed New Hampton in the Prep Bowl by a score of 28-14. Though the final score was relatively close, the game was not. Fronted by a fantastic line, the Andover offense dominated the disorganized New Hampton defense, allowing the Big Blue to score almost at will and bully New Hampton. Defensively, Andover shut down New Hampton's star fullback, who gained more than a thousand yards on the season and will likely play Division 1 football next year. Having shut the New Hampton running game down early, it became apparent that the Andover defense could easily stop its opponent's one-sided offense. The team cruised to victory, solidifying its season as one of Andover's best in recent memory.

The victory makes Andover Class B New England Champi-

ons. Though in reality Andover played an entirely class A schedule, any team with eight or fewer PG's is eligible for Class B, and Andover fell short of the mark set by Cushing and Choate. Despite its exclusion from the class A bowl, Andover competed against both Cushing and Choate during the season and played competitively against both. First in the pre-season scrimmage, Andover played Cushing to a draw, going toe to toe with the eventual undefeated class A New England Champs. Later in the season, Andover lost to Choate, by a close score of 18-14 in the final moments of play. Since Andover hadn't played Cushing during the regular season, and because the

team doesn't play a solely league schedule, the selection committee opted to put Andover in a bowl game. That Andover plays a mostly Class A schedule with only five PGs is testament to the play of its returning players, who make up the core of the team.

Because of a heavy snowfall on the Friday before the game, the Phillips Academy grounds crew cleared the field, plowing the snow off to the sidelines. Because of the plowing, much of the grass was torn up, and the field still had a considerable amount of snow on it. The game began as Andover kicked the ball off to New Hampton, and their offense was promptly thwarted, as it was unable to attain a first down. Andover received the ball, but on the

first play, O'Brien threw an unfortunate interception, turning the ball back over to New Hampton. However, the Andover defense once again shut down the New Hampton offense, regaining possession for the Blue. Andover capitalized this time, as it drove the ball play after play, all the way to the New Hampton 24 yard line. The Blue scored on a nice pass from O'Brien to PG receiver Beau Williams.

With the extra point the Blue jumped out to an early 7-0 lead.

In the second quarter, Andover added on to the lead on a short O'Brien quarterback sneak, and again on a pass from O'Brien to Williams. Andover went into the locker room with a commanding 22-0 lead after the first half. In the third quarter, Andover couldn't put any points on the board, as the slippery terrain made it difficult to set up any normal scoring drives. With the field condition worsening, neither team could truly play up to its potential, as the snow melted and the field became a veritable mud pit. In the fourth quarter, linebacker Beau Williams returned an interception for 55 yards, solidifying Andover's

already large lead. The game came to a close, as the seniors left the field for the last time ever, and their underclassmen replacements took the field to close out the game, and seal a prep championship, winning by a score of 28-14.

The offensive line's strong showing broke the game open for the Blue, as it opened gaping holes for backs Justin Blanch '00 and Jimmy Smithwick '99, who commented after the game, "We won because the offensive line simply wrecked New Hampton's defense." The running game had one of its best games of the season, gaining a total of 170 yards, on 31 rushes, averaging five and a half yards per carry. Quarterback Kyle O'Brien '98 had a

fine passing game, going 7-12 for 101 yards and two touchdowns, both to Williams.

Defensively, Andover played very consistently. Though New Hampton did score, they were forced out of their original game plan, which spelled disaster for them, as the team had relied heavily on its single running back the entire season. Andover linemen repeatedly outplayed their counterparts on the opposing side of the ball, forcing three fumbles, and numerous sacks. Playing very well were the defensive tackles and ends. Tackles John Costantino '99 and PG Shane Waldron along with nose guard Steve Dietz '98 controlled the interior, allowing nearly no runs inside, and sacking the New Hampton quarterback on numerous occasions. Linebackers Williams and O'Brien both finished the game in good form, with 10 and 12 tackles respectively. Williams also had two interceptions on the game, one of which he ran back fifty-five yards for a touchdown.

In some respects, the win can be chalked up to a well tuned game plan by the coaches. Andover's coaching staff accurately assessed the abilities of the New Hampton team, and attacked its weak points. Clearly New Hampton's poor passing game allowed Andover to guard the oppositions amazing running back, shutting him down consistently. Also, offensively the Blue opted to run on the majority of its plays, as the weather conditions and the chopped up field made passing very difficult. Running the ball over thirty times tired out the shallow New Hampton lineup, and gave Andover a huge advantage.

With the win the Blue finish the season 8-1, marking the year as one of the finest in Andover history. With the Prep Bowl Victory, Andover solidifies its claim to one of the top New England football schools, as it has gone all the way, two times in the last three years. Next years' team will look to recently elected captains J.P. Chisholm and Jimmy Smithwick. The two will replace departing captains O'Brien and Tony Dent '98. Along with the new captains, Jeremy Hersch and John Costantino will play leadership roles on the team, as both have played varsity for two years. Also next season, Andover will start the first new quarterback since the beginning of the Kyle O'Brien era, which began three years ago. The Blue will likely start this year's backup Mark Hordon '00. Though he didn't receive a lot of playing time at quarterback this season, Hordon has a fantastic arm.

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5	4	18	0
6	14	55	1
7	10	56	0
8	22	128	0
Total	10	54	2

RUSHING- JUSTIN BLANCH

Week	Carr/gm	Yds/gm	TDs
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Williamsn	1	0	0
Lasater	2	0	0
Waugh	1	0	0
Brown	1	0	0

Andover, Williams clean up

By Bob Reinert
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

Phillips Andover 28 AN-
New Hampton 14 DOVER -
First the snowplows cleared the field. Then Phillips Andover swept New Hampton off it, claiming the NEPSAC Class B football championship yesterday with a 28-14 victory.

"The kids played as well as the ground crew performed," said Andover coach Leon Modeste, whose program captured its second New England title in three years. "It was a great finish."

Beau Williams put the exclamation point on that finish. The Palo Alto, Calif., native scored three touchdowns, added a 2-point conversion, and was a menace on both sides of the ball.

"Beau Williams is such a player," Modeste said. "We just try to isolate him."

When New Hampton scored late in the third quarter and appeared to be gathering momentum for the first time, it was Williams who answered with a 55-yard interception return for a touchdown that restored order.

Otherwise, Andover had the upper hand throughout. The hosts scored on their first three possessions, showing an ability to move the ball nearly at will against the smaller New Hampton defense.

"They were just bigger and stronger," said New Hampton coach Craig Kozens. "Our kids did everything they could do. It's a real mismatch."

It just wasn't New Hampton's day. That became abundantly clear when Drayton Collier's 16-yard touchdown pass to Ryan Johnson of Barnstable early in the third quarter was nullified by an illegal procedure penalty.

By then, Andover had already put New Hampton in a deep hole. It started with Kyle O'Brien finding Williams for a 23-yard scoring pass on Andover's first series.

It continued with O'Brien's 2-yard run and Williams's 2-point rush around right end off a fake kick.

Finally, O'Brien and Williams hooked up again on a 15-yard catch and run for a 22-0 lead.

"What a way for Kyle and Beau to finish," said Modeste.

Meanwhile, New Hampton star tailback Willie Ford never got untracked on a field covered with mud and patches of snow.

"Being able to keep Willie Ford in the box was the key," Modeste said. "Whenever you get ahead of a running team, it's hard for them to come back."

Ford, who is being recruited by Syracuse and Boston College, was outshone by Andover's James Smithwick. Though he failed to reach the end zone, Smithwick earned many of the tough yards that got his teammates there.

New Hampton finally put points on the board after Junior Medina's interception and 50-yard return. Collier took it the final yard to make it 22-6.

But Williams's long interception return ended the threat and brought another championship trophy to Andover.

Phillips feeling like champions

Michael Muldoon
Tribune Writer

Ferocious defense keys title win

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This Ford
must not have



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New Hampton's Willie Ford had no room to do anything all day, which is why he could muster just 29 yards in the first three quarters. Here he is sandwiched by Jeremy Hersch (22) and Shaun Qualter.

by Boston College and Syracuse.

"It's (defensive coordinator) Lou (Bernieri)," said Modeste, whose club finished up at 7-1. "What defensive schemes he has had all year."

Schemes are one thing. Having players dominate the guy across the line from them is quite another.

Kyle O'Brien, the quarterback

with a middle linebacker's mentality, happens to play middle linebacker. And quite well. He was all over the field, punishing Husky runners.

John Costantino leveled New Hampton quarterback Collier Drayton on a sack and Marc Hordon recovered. Joseph Chisholm

notched a sack. Jeremy Hersch made a leaping play to break up a pass and then there was Beau Williams.

All he did was intercept two passes, one a you-had-to-see-it-to-believe-it one-hander and the other went for a 60-yard TD.

He also did a little bit offensively, catching four passes for 57 yards and taking two of them in for scores.

The offense, behind Williams and kamikaze back Jimmy Smithwick (22-122) scored the first three times it touched the ball for a 22-0 halftime luge.

Modeste said the strategy was to stop Ford early, build up a lead, and watch the New Hampshireites struggle as the field got sloppier and sloppier.

That is exactly what happened.

The only ones who performed on a level with the Big Blue gridders was the Phillips grounds crew. The field was in tremendous condition for the start of the game, a big surprise considering that most every other team in the state cancelled their games.

PHILLIPS 28, NEW HAMPTON 14

New Hampton (6-2)	0	0	6	8	14
Phillips (7-1)	7	15	0	6	28

SCORING SUMMARY:

P — Beau Williams 23 pass from Kyle O'Brien (Rob Crisafulli kick)

P — O'Brien 3 run (Williams rush)

P — Williams 15 pass from O'Brien (Crisafulli kick)

N — Collier Drayton 1 run (rush fail)

P — Williams 60 interception return (kick fail)

N — Jarrod Cowart 2 run (Ryan Johnson pass from Drayton)

STATISTICS	New Hampton	Phillips
First downs	5	15
Yards rushing	37	39-172
Yards passing	0	86
Total offense	62	259
Passes att.	9	12
Passes comp.	0	7
Interceptions thrown	2	2

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS:

Rushing: P — Jimmy Smithwick 22-122, Justin Blanch 5-17; N — Willie Ford 19-76; Passing: P — Kyle O'Brien 7 for 11, 86 yards; Receiving: P — Beau Williams 4-57



Beau Williams '98 outruns the defensive pursuit on a counter gap play.

California Kid heats up in cold, snow

By Michael Muldoon
Eagle-Tribune Writer

ANDOVER — Never mind not having played in snow before, Beau Williams had really *never* seen it.

"It doesn't snow at all where I'm from," said Phillips Academy's gifted postgraduate receiver/defensive back from Palo Alto, Calif.

But the snowy conditions didn't faze the 6-foot-3, 205-pound Williams one bit.

All he did yesterday in Phillips' 28-14 win over New Hampton was catch four passes for 57 yards and two touchdowns, intercept two passes, returning one for a 60-yard score, return two kickoffs for 65 yards, rush once for 3 yards, score a two-point conversion and throw a bomb which was dropped.

"You just have to get it in your mindset to play," he said.

He credited the Big Blue's early success running the ball with making his life easier.

"Then I was one-on-one on the defensive back and able to do what I can do," he said.

Which is just about anything he wants on the gridiron.

"We try to get the ball to Beau as



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Phillips Academy back Jimmy Smithwick (blue jersey) works hard for some of his 122 yards as he is hit by a swarm of New Hampton defenders.

much as possible," said coach Leon Modeste, proving why he has compiled a stellar 61-27-1 record in his 11 years at Andover. "He's such a player. He's all over the place."

Williams decided to prep a year after he suffered a season-ending knee injury last fall early in the season at Gunn High in Palo Alto.

"Out west, they don't have post-graduate schools," said Williams. "We checked out Phillips and

Lawrenceville (N.J.). I decided to come here and I'm glad I did."

Needless to say, so is Phillips.

He scored 11 TDs and 74 points in Phillips' eight games. He saved the best for last.

One of his interceptions was a gorgeous one-hander. On one TD grab, he had to reach behind, then spun away from highly-touted Willie Ford for a 23-yard score. In all, excluding the conversion rush, he touched the ball nine times for 185 yards.

"We'll always remembering winning the championship in the snow," he said.

His dream is to play for his hometown school, Stanford, where his father caught passes from All-American quarterback Guy Benjamin in the early '70s. If that doesn't happen, the Ivy Leagues are an option.

On the high school level, he is a dominating, physical receiver in the Michael Irvin mold.

The hands and instincts are beyond reproach, but the knock on him is that he may be a bit slow to play at that level.

Modeste disagrees. "He's legitimate Division 1," he said.

Beau Williams '98

"Beau has been a huge asset to the team, both catching the ball on offense and playing solid defense at linebacker"

Co-Captain Tony Dent '98

by Charlie Finch
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS EDITOR

Andover is used to PG's coming in and making a big impression on the playing field. However, almost no one in recent memory, with the possible exception of Titus Ivory '96, has made as big an impact both on and off the field for Andover as Beau Williams '98. As a receiver and as a linebacker, Beau has immediately become one of the team's primary leaders, emerging along with co-captains Tony Dent and Kyle O'Brien as a major locker room presence. In the recent match against Exeter, Beau led the team out to a quick 14-0 lead and scored two touchdowns in a performance that typifies Beau's consistent excellence. It is for this excellence that he has garnered the Athlete of the Week award, a recognition Dent called, "long overdue."

Growing up in Palo Alto, California Beau took up both football and basketball at an early age. He excelled in both, but even then his heart lay with football. It was at a precocious age that Beau began playing receiver and doubling up as a linebacker. He credits these early years as having given him both the touch and toughness that he receives with today.

As he entered Gunn High School in Palo Alto, Beau decided to exploit his natural strength and speed by participating in track. However, he remained focused on football. He dominated throughout his years at Gunn, though by the end of his career he had moved past the level of local football. This fact played an integral role in Beau's decision to come east;

by coming to Andover, Beau gave himself a chance to be part of an elite football squad while also taking a valuable extra year of academics. Also, Beau was hurt for some of his senior year, preventing him from enjoying his senior year.

The transition to Andover has been a smooth one for Beau, despite the long distance he travels from his home. Not surprisingly, Beau cites the

you on the field."

Even though Beau is new to the school, he quickly caught the spirit of Andover, and went into last week's Exeter game, "the most excited I've ever been for a matchup." Despite his excitement, the injuries incurred the week before Exeter by backs Ryan Sax '98 and Jimmy Smithwick '99 worried the whole team. That anxiety was further compounded by the interception

Exeter forced on the first play of the game. However, Beau says, "As soon as we got out by the score of 14-0, myself and the entire team could tell that we were going to run away with the game." The rest, as they say, is history.

Exeter was the icing on the cake for the team, which thought that the Prep Bowl was out of reach. But Beau was, "shocked, and then really excited" when the league's football committee announced the new "B" level Prep bowl for teams with fewer than 8 post-graduate students. Beau and the rest of the team are anxious to get the banner up, and the boys think they have an excellent chance against New Hampton.

Though he is enjoying the east coast, Beau has his heart set on going back to California, and more specifically going to Stanford. If he doesn't end up at Stanford, he could probably play for a ranked football team. No matter where he finishes up, Beau will certainly be an asset to the college.

As his friend captain Tony Dent '98 said, "Beau has been a great leader, on and off the field, for the football team. He's definitely an asset wherever he is."



Beau Williams '98 shows off his athletic ability.

Photo / J. Mitchell

weather as, "definitely the biggest part of the adaptation." Beau's placement in Coach Modeste's dorm, Tucker House, gave him a chance to develop his relationships with several teammates, and also to live in a small, personal dorm. On the field, Beau's adjustment was immediate. In the team's first game, Beau caught two passes from O'Brien for touchdowns. He later commented, "the football team is better here, because you can count on your teammates to support

Kyle O'Brien '98

11-14-97

by Eli Kagan

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Kyle O'Brien '98 exemplifies everything an Andover student aspires to be. Aside from being the captain of both varsity football and lacrosse, O'Brien is the President of the West Quad South cluster, a fine student, and most of all, one of the nicest, most sincere and charismatic members of the Phillips Academy community.

Kyle was first introduced to the school when his younger brother was receiving treatment in Boston, far away from the family's Long Island home. His father, a long time friend of Phillips Academy Assistant Head Football Coach Lou Bernieri, tricked him into an interview and a campus visit. Realizing his possible opportunity, O'Brien enrolled here the following Fall.

Kyle started at PA in Rockwell Hall. A slightly intimidated new student, O'Brien arrived at school early to tryout for the varsity football team. Kyle not only made the highly competitive squad, but started at outside linebacker and played second string quarterback under the tutelage of Mike Siciliano '95. After having a fine season, O'Brien tried out later that year for the varsity lacrosse team. Though he had played middle for his whole lacrosse career, Kyle was asked to play defense, where he started the entire season.

In his lower year, O'Brien moved into Tucker House, where Varsity Football Head Coach Leon Modeste took him under his wing, helping to turn Kyle into a fine student and a phenomenal quarterback. Taking over the helm of the football team, O'Brien had a fantastic football season. Along with PG receiver Titus Ivory '96, he led the football team to an undefeated 9-0 season, and a spectacular Prep Bowl victory. At the end of the season, the team honored him by making him a Co-captain alongside Garth Williams '97.



Kyle O'Brien's strong arm has made the deep threat a constant option for the Andover offense this season.

Photo / J. Mitchell

The 1996 varsity football team was plagued by poor play from PG's, poor team chemistry, and a general tone of negativity which really hurt the team. The team finished the season with a 2-6 record, though the fact that it had defeated Exeter helped to dull the school's shock at the team's fall from the previous year's excellence.

The problems that plagued the 1996 team could easily have soured this year's team, had it not been for O'Brien's leadership. From the first day of the pre-season Kyle pulled the

team together, assuming the responsibility of joining the new students and PG's together with the returning members. One of this year's strongest team qualities is the amazing chemistry, one of the main reasons why the team is playing this Saturday for the New England title. However, another reason for the team's success has been O'Brien's stellar play.

Not only has his passing been on the mark all season, but his general quarterback instincts are very sharp. On multiple plays this season,

O'Brien, forced out of the pocket because of a pass rush, has evaded defenders, often rushing for huge offensive gains.

Kyle is currently looking at numerous Ivy League schools, including Harvard, Princeton, Dartmouth, and a few other top institutions.

However, he seems to be most interested in Harvard, as he could likely play both football and lacrosse there. In addition, his father, Stephen O'Brien, was Harvard's quarterback some 20 years ago. In retrospect, Stephen O'Brien's decision to set Kyle up here at Andover four years ago, was nothing less than a blessing for the Andover Community.



Ryan Sax '98

"Coach Mo and Coach Lou have vastly exceeded all expectations I had at the start of the season."

Ryan Sax

by Andy Butler and Jason Gimbel
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATES

Post graduate Ryan Sax has been the key factor in the rebirth of the Andover running attack. Balancing the arm of quarterback Kyle O'Brien '98, Sax has piled up over 230 yards on the ground during the Big Blue's opening two victories of the 1997 season. On the other side of the ball, he has played a major role in Andover's suffocating defense, which has frustrated opposing wide receivers. His football prowess and leadership abilities have earned Ryan the distinguished honor of being Athlete of the Week.

Born in Ann Arbor, MI, Sax soon moved to nearby Wellsley at the age of two. In this suburban Massachusetts

town, he began his football career at the local high school. As a freshman, Ryan joined the JV squad as rules restricted him from competing at the varsity level. However, as a sophomore Sax made an immediate impact on the varsity team, starting on both sides of the ball. During his first two seasons playing in the Bay State League, his Wellsley High team came within a single game of qualifying for the postseason. Coming off back-to-back 8-2 seasons, expectations were high for his senior year. Unfortunately, Sax failed to play in a regular season game, breaking his clavicle during the final pre-season scrimmage. This season ending injury skewed his chances of playing in college, so instead of foregoing his future in top collegiate sports, Ryan decided to take a post-graduate year to improve his chances of playing at the division one

level.

In his search for an appropriate boarding school, Sax looked at Andover, Exeter, Deerfield, and Northfield Mount Hermon. However, the enthusiasm of coach Modeste and coach Bernieri convinced Ryan that PA was the place for him. Phillips presented the best of two worlds. "The



Ryan Sax has started his Andover career with two consecutive 100 yard games.

Photo / J Mitchell

chance to attend one of the best schools in the nation, and play on a top notch team was too much to pass up," said Sax. On the whole, matriculating to PA was an easy choice.

The transition from Wellsley High proved relatively easy for Ryan. From the first day in the dorm, Sax felt at home with his newly made friends. "Living in Taylor is great, the guys there make living away from home a blast," quipped Ryan. The move to boarding life went smoothly, home being a brief twenty minute drive. In the classroom, he adjusted well to Andover academics, a brand of learning not so different from his old school. On the football field, he excelled from the very start, no doubt making coach Mo a happy man.

Coming off a disappointing season, PA needed a jump start to get

back in the race for the Prep school championship. The addition of Sax to the team was a step in the right direction. Along with teammate Beau Williams '98, Ryan has helped to establish a double threat offense with both a running and a passing game. "When Beau and I are on the field our play just seems to click," remarked

Sax. With more of a well rounded offense, the Blue has high aspirations for the season.

So far, these dreams have become a reality. In the season opener, Andover rolled over Taft 17-12, with Sax accumulating 128 yards on the ground. On Saturday, Ryan exploded for three touchdowns and 275 all purpose yards, including a 62 yard screen pass and a 92 yard kickoff return, during PA's 43-21 trouncing of

Hotchkiss. Despite the team's excellent start, tomorrow's game against Choate will make or brake their season.

Without a doubt, Sax will be at his best for Saturday's big game. Benefiting from strong support on behalf of his parents, Ryan is always giving one hundred percent. He also receives inspiration from his older brother, who passed away at the age of eighteen. In memory, Sax wears his number, twenty-five, on the back of his helmet. Given this strong family encouragement, it is no wonder that Ryan succeeds on and off the field.

In terms of the future, Sax has yet to reach a final decision about any particular college. He would like to attend a school where he will be allowed the opportunity to participate in either football or baseball at the Division One level. He is currently interested in such schools as Georgetown, University of Pennsylvania, and Michigan.

Although Sax has only been a member of the PA community for a brief time, he has already made an impact on the campus. His athletic abilities have surpassed all expectations, and he has performed admirably in the classroom as well. He is on pace to total over 1000 yards rushing for the season. A number, which combined with the potent Andover air attack, could bring back the championship to Phillips. Given his winning attitude and outstanding talent, Sax will surely remain in the PA limelight for weeks to come.

by Ashley Frechette,
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



As the varsity football players took to the field this past September, they faced the challenge of putting Andover football back on the map after a disappointing season

last year. Led by co-captains Kyle O'Brien '98 and Tony Dent '98, the team, consisting of several post-graduates and a strong core of returning players, accomplished its goal and won the New England Preparatory School Athletic Conference (NEPSAC) Class AA championship.

The Blue's first test came in the form of a scrimmage against last year's league NEPSAC Class A champion: Cushing Academy. Although Andover came up short on the scoreboard, the team not only looked strong on defense, but also showed a potent passing attack on offense. Starting in the game, quarterback O'Brien and receivers Dent, Shaun Quater '98 and Beau Williams '98 kept the team close to Cushing. Williams caught two touchdown passes in the game, while Ryan Sax '98 and Jimmy Smithwick '99 complemented the passing game with great backfield. The real downfall of this game came when Dario Collado '98 tore his ACL and his MCL, ending his season before it officially began. In the loss Andover proved that Andover football can stay with any team in its league.

The Big Blue came up with two big wins early in the season, defeating Taft, in a game dominated by Williams, and Hotchkiss. These two wins fueled Andover's season.

The season's first loss came at home against Choate. Although the Blue led at half time 7-6, a fumble in the third quarter, a controversial call and other costly mistakes allowed Choate to gain an 18-7 lead. Andover failed in its final attempt to drive down the field for one more touchdown: failing to Choate by the final score of 18-14. While the Choate team played well, the Blue had beaten itself with an excessive number of mistakes, including the inability of the offensive line to protect O'Brien as well as lapses in the defensive line.

Frustrated with the loss to Choate, the Andover team took the field against Kent with revenge on its minds, ready to do whatever it took to secure a victory. In what proved to be one of the most exciting games of the season, Smithwick started things off by rushing for a touchdown from two yards out. However, Rob Crisafulli's '98 kick was blocked, and at the half, Kent led 14-6. Although the third quarter went scoreless, with four minutes left in the fourth, O'Brien connected with Sax for a 41 yard touchdown, which was followed up with a successful two point conversion. According to Connecticut overtime rules, each team is

allowed four plays from their opponents 25 yard line to try and score. Going first, Andover scored quickly with two passing plays and this time got the extra point from Crisafulli's kick. But Kent also scored successfully, and, going for the win instead of the tie, attempted a two-point conversion. However Andover's strong defensive unit stopped the Taft attempt, thus handing Andover the 21-20 victory in this overtime thriller.

Moving on to face last year's NEPSAC champion, the Andover squad looked small against an immense NMH line consisting of many PGs and enormous running backs. But a united team effort led the Blue to a victory of 15-13, holding off a final NMH attempt at a two point conversion with an interception by Marc Hordon '99. The Big Blue attributed the win to its strong defensive play, as well as another outstanding performance by both Sax, who had the two touchdowns, and Williams, who completed the two point conversion.

Andover's match-up against Deerfield proved to be another exciting game, but one plagued by injuries as well. Once again, the outcome was decided in the fourth quarter as Deerfield went for the two-point conversion to overcome the Andover 20-19 lead, but failed. The excitement of the win turned to discomfort as the team lost Sax, with a broken collarbone, and Smithwick, with a separated shoulder, to injury. Relying on an incredible passing game and players like Justin Blanch '00 to fill the empty spots, the Big Blue overcame the injuries and pulled away with the victory, leaving the team with a positive attitude heading into the big game.

Storming onto the field for the 117th Andover-Exeter competition, the boys in blue felt confident with their 6-1 record that they would have no trouble beating an Exeter squad who had yet to win a game. Starting the game with the ball, Andover got off on the wrong foot as O'Brien's first throw was intercepted, and Exeter drove deep into PA territory. However, the Big Blue defense stepped up to Exeter's challenge, and soon the ball was driven back down the field and placed into the arms of Williams, who took it in for a touchdown.

In the second quarter, O'Brien scored on a three yard quarterback keeper. O'Brien later connected with Williams on a 52 yard pass and a two point conversion, giving the Big Blue a 22-0 lead at the half. After a scoreless third quarter, the fourth quarter brought two more touchdowns, one pounded in by Juma Waugh '98 and another as O'Brien connected with Dent, who then bullied his way into the end zone. Winning by the final score of 35-0, Andover's domination came from a stellar performance by the defense as well as a seriously improved special teams unit. Andover's great all-around performance led to one of the biggest blowouts in recent history.

Any previous year, Andover's football season would have ended without a post-season as Choate and Cushing had beat out Andover for the two Prep Bowl spots. However, this season NEPSAC rearranged its football post-season format so that the various teams were split into four different divisions: A, B, C, and D. The A division containing schools with 8-12 PGs, the B division for schools with 8 or less PGs, the C division for schools with no PGs, and the D division for the smaller schools. The teams' records, strength of schedule, and geographical location are also taken into consideration in order to produce the best match-ups. Although Andover plays a mostly Class A schedule during the season, with only five PGs this year, the Big Blue received a spot in the Class B Prep Bowl, seeded against New Hampton.

On the day of the Prep Bowl, although the field was muddy and covered in snow, Andover came out once more to showcase its talents. The Big Blue offense dominated the disorganized, overmatched New Hampton defense. On defense Andover shut down New Hampton's star fullback. In the first half, O'Brien tossed two touchdown passes to Williams, and snuck one in himself, to put the Big Blue up 22-0 at the half. After yet another scoreless third quarter, Williams returned an interception 55 yards for another touchdown. By attacking New Hampton's weakness and opting for the run instead of the pass, along with excellent coaching and stellar performances by both O'Brien and Williams, the Big Blue finished the season as Prep Bowl champions, with its victory of 28-14.

From the beginning of the season, this football squad held comparisons to the illustrious

1995 team that ended its season with a Prep Bowl victory. With Beau Williams replacing Titus Ivory, a speedy offensive line, a strong defensive line and good coaching, this years team not only stood up to the challenge of recovering from last season's subpar performance, but surpassed everybody's expectations with its unbelievable success. Next year will be the first season in three years without Kyle O'Brien as the quarterback, but co-captains JP Chisolm '99 and Jimmy Smithwick '99 are looking forward to another strong year. The team, relying on Jeremy Hersch '99 and John Costantino '99 to play key roles, as well as Marc Hordon to take O'Brien's place as quarterback. Summing up the season, co-captain Tony Dent says, "The team overcame adversities due to injuries, rallied together, had a hard fought season, and came away with a championship."

1997 STATISTICS

OFFENSE

PASSING- KYLE O'BRIEN

Week	Com/Att	Comp %	Yds/gm	TDs
1	7-10	70%	85	1
2	7-7	100%	277	3
3	13-25	52%	130	1
4	10-13	77%	232	2
5	11-28	39%	204	2
6	6-11	55%	130	1
7	5-12	42%	119	1
Total	59-105	57%	176	11

RUSHING- RYAN SAX

Week	Carr/gm	Yds/gm	TDs
1	20	128	0
2	16	102	1
3	14	40	1
4	14	105	0
5	10	21	0
6	3	37	0
Total	13	72	2

RUSHING- JIMMY SMITHWICK

Week	Carr/gm	Yds/gm	TDs
1	8	48	0
2	6	36	0
3	1	4	0
4	14	85	1
5	4	18	0
6	14	55	1
7	56	56	0
Total	8	43	2

RUSHING- JUSTIN BLANCH

Week	Carr/gm	Yds/gm	TDs
6	6	35	0
7	15	75	0

DEFENSE

SEASON TOTALS

Player	Tackles	Sacks	INTs
O' Brien	44	4	0
Williams	42	1	2
Sax	7	0	2
Costan.	21	0	0
Chshlm	23	0	0
Smthwk	25	2	0
Dent	30	2	0
Hersch	32	0	2
Blanch	24	0	0
Waldron	34	3	0
Hordon	31	1	0
Qualter	14	0	2
Mangan	2	0	0
Dietz	9	2	0
Kagan	5	0	0
Ottarno	2	0	0
Saundrs	1	0	0
Willimsn	3	0	0
Lasater	1	0	0
Waugh	1	0	0

Andover 35, Exeter 0 at Exeter, NH

Andover(6-1).....	7	15	0	13	- 35
Exeter (0-8).....	0	0	0	0	- 0

- A- Beau Williams 11yd run (Crisafulli kick)
- A- Kyle O'Brien 1yd run (Crisafulli kick)
- A- Williams 51yd pass from O'Brien (Shaun Qualter pass from O'Brien)
- A- Tony Dent 8yd run (Crisafulli kick)
- A- Juma Waugh 4yd run (rush failed)

SPORT: BOYS' SOCCER
YEAR: 1997-98

CAPTAIN: Michael Pierog & Philipp Risseuw
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: Fred Grainger
ASSISTANT COACHES:

SEASON RECORD

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Letter Winners

Babatunde, Oladapo M.

~~Bradley, Alex L.~~

~~Butler, Andrew C.~~ *Post-let*

~~Coughlin, M. H.~~ *Back*

Curtis, Patrick M. *up And*

~~Darci, Scott A.~~

~~Gimbel, Jason K.~~

Grant, Kevin M.

Harmeling, Taylor O.

Kaye, Noah

~~Kenly, James B.~~

MacInnis, Nicholas G.

Pierog, Michael K. (cc)

Reynolds, Justin M.

Rich, Charles P.

Risseuw, Philipp E. (cc)

Thavaseelan, Simon

Valdesolo, Piercarlo

Wang, Zachary H.

BOYS' SOCCER - 1997

			PA	OPP
Wed., Sept. 10	Middlesex (scrimmage)	(H)	3	1
Sat., Sept. 13	Holderness Jamboree	(A)		
Wed., Sept. 17	Brooks (scrimmage)	(A)	3	4
Sat., Sept. 20	Loomis-Chaffee	(H)	0	0
Wed., Sept. 24	Holderness	(A)	1	0
Sat., Sept. 27	Tabor	(A)	2	1
Wed., Oct. 1	St. John's	(H)	0	0
Fri., Oct. 3	Babson	(A)	1	2
Wed., Oct. 8	Bridgeton Academy	(H)	5	1
Fri., Oct. 10	Choate	(H)	0	1
Wed., Oct. 15	Tufts	(A)	0	2
Sat., Oct. 18	N.M.H.	(H)	0	0
Wed., Oct. 22	Harvard	(H)	0	0
Sat., Oct. 25	Deerfield	(A)	2	0
Wed., Oct. 29	Moses Brown	(H)	2	1
Fri., Oct. 31	Cushing	(H)	1	1
Wed., Nov. 5	New Hampton	(H)	4	0
Sat., Nov. 8	Exeter	(A)	1	0
Wed., Nov. 12	Tournament-Belmont Hill	(A)	4	6 (2-2 overtime penalty kicks 2-4)

Interim Coach Fred Grainger Takes Reigns for '97 Season

by Nick MacInnis and Dapo Babatunde

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Middlesex	1

Brooks	4
Andover	3



"Soccer is not a matter of life and death, it is much more important than that," (Bill Shankly Liverpool FC) were the first words that first year coach Fred Grainger spoke to the team.

After a grueling preseason, the team was cut down to twenty players. Amongst those players were nine returnees including Co-Captain Phil Risseuw '98, Taylor Harmeling '98, Co-Captain Michael Pierog '99, Halsey Coughlin '99, Nick MacInnis '99, Pier Carlo Valdesolo '99, Justin Reynolds '99, lowers Dapo Babatunde and Zach Wang. Joining this talented group of returning players are eleven new players, three of which are freshmen.

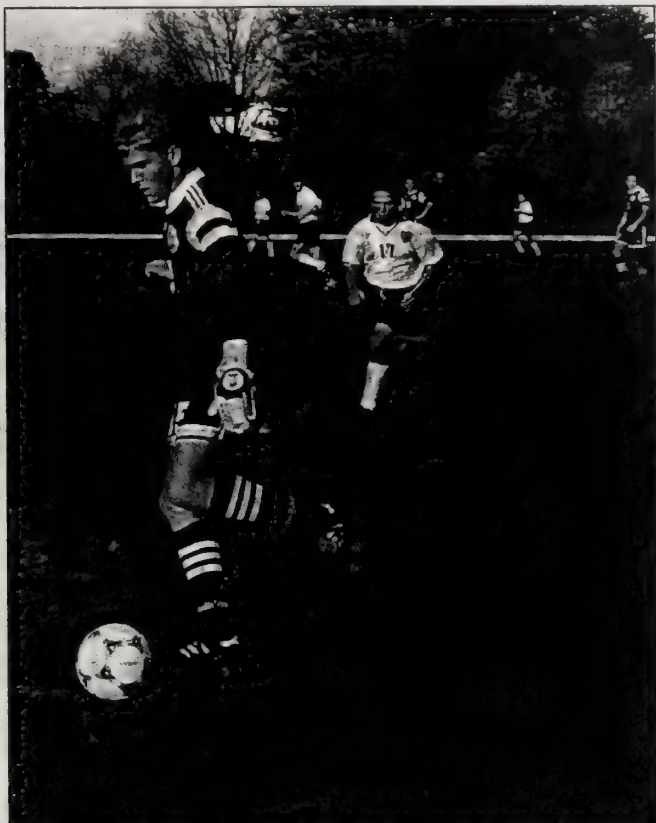
Leading the group of new players are five seniors, Charlie Rich, Kevin Grant, Vincent Le Ribeuz, Andy Butler and Pat Curtis. Three uppers making the jump from the JV ranks are Noah Kaye, Chris Kane, and Simon Thavaselan.

The three freshman, James Kennely, Alex Bradley, and Scott Darci all look to make an immediate impact especially Kennely, who is the team's only goalie.

As mentioned above, the team has a new coach that is filling in for Bill Scott, who is on sabbatical at Stanford. Fred Grainger, the new coach, brings his English style of play and a wealth of enthusiasm to the Big Blue. In contrast to Coach Scott's low pressure style of play, Grainger introduces a high pressure, quick paced style. This style of play is well-fitted for the highly athletic players such as Rich, Babatunde, Grant, Valdesolo and Darci. The new offense allows outside backs like Pierog to attack and create opportunities for the forward players. Given the size of the players this year the structure of the game will be key to their success. The team must overwhelm their opponents with superior skills instead of relying on physical play. Although the team is young and small, they look at the upcoming season with much optimism.

Middlesex

Eager to start their season, the boys went into their first scrimmage with a vengeance, dominating Middlesex all over the field and winning convincingly, 3-1. Andover started with a bang when Co-Captain Michael Pierog blasted a shot from about 25 yards out into the right bottom corner. Justin Reynolds '99 scored ten minutes later extending the blue's lead to two. Pierog struck again as he drilled a penalty kick by the helpless Middlesex goalie making the score 3-0 before half-time. The Blue, led by Co-Captain Phil Risseuw '98, thwarted the Middlesex offense in the second half yielding only one goal in their victory.



Mike Pierog '99 will return for his third year with the varsity soccer team and assume the role of captain.

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Holderness Jamboree

The Big Blue played a series of forty minute games this past Saturday in a tournament known as the Holderness Jamboree. Although they only went 1-2-1 in four games, with losses at the hands of Belmont Hill and St. Paul's, the boys were able to take some positives out of the weekend. Noah Kaye, the recipient of the Coach's Award for the tournament, stepped up and played brilliantly throughout the tournament, as did the goalie Kennely. Freshman Ian Taggart, who was brought up for the Jamboree took control of the midfield and assisted on two goals in the 5-0 route of GDA.

Brooks

Bewildered by the spirited comeback of Brooks, the boys suffered a defeat in their season opener on Wednesday. The game started with two quick goals netted by Zach Wang and Scott Darci. Brooks scored before halftime cutting the deficit in half. Andover struck first in the second half when Bradley '01 lofted a beautiful ball over the goalie right onto the foot of Rich '98 who easily finished increasing Andover's lead. After some substitutions which might have hurt Andover's rhythm, Brooks capitalized scoring three late goals to steal a victory away from Andover.

It was a heartbreaking defeat for the boys, but they will surely bounce back against defending New England champions Loomis-Chaffee on Saturday.

Phenom Goalkeeper James Kenley '01 Stonewalls Loomis-Chaffee, Holderness

by Nick MacInnis and Dapo Babatunde
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover	0
Loomis-Chaffee	0
Andover	1
Holderness	0



The PA boys' soccer team was unsure about their season going into their game against perennial power Loomis-Chaffee, a matchup that is traditionally an early season battle that serves as a good indicator of talent.

After getting drubbed 5-1 at Loomis last year, the Big Blue had something to prove on their home field. In a battle of defenses, Andover came away from the game with a positive 0-0 tie last weekend and then built on that tie with a 1-0 defeat of Holderness on Wednesday. Despite the ups and downs of exhibition and pre-season matchups, if PA is to continue its level of play for the rest of the season, a return to championship must be considered.

Loomis-Chaffee

The Andover soccer team always

looks forward to the Loomis game with much anticipation and this year would prove to be no different. With many questions surrounding the team, including first year coach Fred Grainger, Andover knew they would have to step to the challenge and compete with the reigning New England champions.

The game started with the high intensity that would be expected with both teams desperately trying to gain an early advantage. Despite a few early scoring opportunities from Loomis the game remained 0-0 after twenty minutes. Freshmen goalie Jamie Kenley rose to the challenge and looked mature well beyond his years as he calmly turned aside the early Loomis chances.

Co-Captain Phil Risseuw '98 quickly got the defense into gear and settled the team down. Andover nearly got on the board when the Loomis goalie came diving out of net to intercept a Scott Darci '01 cross intended for post graduate Charlie Rich. The deadlock was almost broken when Rich played a ball through to Nick MacInnis '99, but the referee made a questionable call, whistling MacInnis offsides and thus, thwarting the opportunity; this near-score would prove to be as close as Andover would come in

the first half based largely in part to a flawless Loomis defense.

Loomis again threatened before half-time when one of their players appeared to be in alone on a break-away, but upper PierCarlo Valdesolo streaked across the field and caught the Loomis player in time, much to the delight of the Andover faithful. Valdesolo also shined offensively throughout the half dribbling circles around Loomis defenders.

When the second half began Andover's play was again equal to that of their opponents. The game was played very much in the midfield with Rich and fellow post graduate Kevin Grant neutralizing a talented tandem of Loomis center midfielders, Risseuw, along with the other captain Mike Pierog '99, Andy Butler '98, and Halsey Coughlin '99 kept the potent Loomis attack under control. Late in the game Loomis came in on a two on one and it took a tremendous play by second half substitute Zack Wang '00 to preserve the hard-earned tie.

Ultimately, the game was dominated by each team's defensive units with neither team able to mount much of an offensive attack as the final score, 0-0, would indicate. For Andover and head coach Fred Grainger it was definitely a well fought game and positive way to begin the season.

Holderness

The men in blue knew what their objective was when they walked on to the field: they were to totally dominate the game. But, Andover had several chances at scoring yet could not put one in until late into the first half when Zack Wang, starting because of an injury to Dapo Babatunde '00, crossed a looping pass to Valdesolo '98 who headed it into the left corner of the goal. Wang has made a great contribution to the team and it reassures the Blue that they have depth in their midfield.

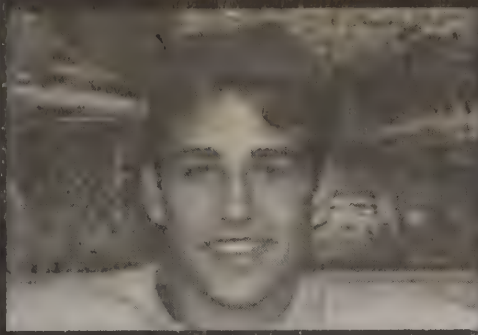
Andover nearly took a commanding 2-0 lead early in the first half when reserve Chris Kane '98 sent a brilliant ball to forward

MacInnis, who was unfortunately unable to take advantage of the superb pass. However, Holderness continued to play hard and regained momentum from Andover. They came at the Blue with a flurry of offensive attacks and appeared as if they would tie the game; but, the defense led by Kenley and Risseuw protected the 1-0 lead. As the game wound to a close, Holderness began a last-ditch physical attack against the smaller sized Andover team. Post graduate Kevin Grant took the brunt of the hard-nosed play as he was repeatedly knocked down. PA, though, didn't lose their cool and held on for the 1-0 victory over Holderness. Andover, now 1-0-1 on the young season, looks forward to their match up against Tabor on Saturday.



Postgraduate Charlie Rich struggles to control the ball in a tight game against Loomis.

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Piercarlo Valdesolo '99

"Whether it's winning the ball, slipping a pass through to a forward, or beating a defender, Carlo gives one hundred and ten percent everyday."

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by Andy Butler and Jason Gimbel
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The dawn of a new season found Piercarlo Valdesolo '99 in a familiar spot, playing left midfield for the varsity soccer team, but placed in a new environment. One of about six returning starters, Valdesolo was confronted with a new coach and a relatively new team.

Although the squad struggled through pre-season, Carlo managed to shine in each game, pouring all his energy into his play. During Saturday's tie against defending New England champion Loomis-Chaffee, Carlo was at his best, dominating the midfield and defending with tenacity.

After a defensive mix-up gave up a break-away, Valdesolo ran down a Loomis-Chaffee forward and made a game saving tackle. On Wednesday, he came out strong again, scoring the winning goal in PA's 1-0 victory over Holderness. Due to his superior play and obvious talent, Piercarlo has earned this week's Athlete of the Week.

Born in Stoneham, MA, Valdesolo moved to Medford at a young age. At the age of five, he stepped on to the pitch of a town league game and started his illustrious career as a soccer player. Coached by his Italian father, Carlo's knowledge of the game began to expand.

"The support my parents gave as a kid really helped me fall in love with soccer." Although he moved to Andover two years later, Carlo continued to play town soccer until he was twelve. In Andover, he attended the Pike School, while his sister matriculated to Phillips. Upon graduation from Pike, PA was the obvious place to continue his education.

As a freshman, Carlo was placed on the JV2 soccer team, a group of players on the cusp of greatness. While playing for the "deuce" he honed his skills as a midfielder.

After a successful soccer season, in which the team won all but one game, Carlo showcased his athletic ability in both the squash and the tennis arena.

In addition to making the prep school transition, Valdesolo switched to club level soccer during his Junior fall. At the end of Andover's season, coach Scott encouraged each player to

step up and contribute at the varsity level.

Valdesolo took the challenge seriously and set himself to the task ahead immediately. During the winter he continued club soccer indoors, and in the spring he participated in a long grueling season outdoors.

This exposure to soccer increased his skills immensely, but his work on

ized the full potential of the squad, which will be vying for a tournament berth this season.

The major change from last year is the coaching style. Under coach Scott, the team played more of a laid back system that relied heavily on the individual skills and creativity of the players.

This year coach Grainger has introduced an aggressive high pressure approach, which stresses fitness. In Carlo's diplomatic eyes the two styles are equally effective and he has seen both yield positive results.

As for the future, Valdesolo would like to continue his soccer career in college, perhaps in the prestigious Ivy League.

However, as a member of the varsity squash and tennis teams, he has other considerations as well. An outstanding student, Carlo

knows he must tackle upper year before colleges enter the picture.

Being a member of the varsity squad is an achievement in its own right, but making the jump from JV2 is something tremendous.

With his ball skills and crafty play, Piercarlo "the Italian Stallion" Valdesolo will surely be an asset wherever he plays in the future and will certainly be missed when he leaves Andover.



Valdesolo takes to the air to gain control of a loose ball against Loomis.

Photo / J. Mitchell

conditioning made the most improvement in his game. The summer served as the final stage before varsity tryouts in September. Coach Scott was impressed when he saw the improvement in Carlo's game, and decided to keep him on the team. After a freak pre-season injury, coach Scott had to shift a few players around and Carlo found himself fighting for a spot in the first eleven. After a 5-1 defeat at the hands of Loomis-Chaffee, he got his chance, and for the rest of the season, Valdesolo assumed a starting role in the defense.

During his first year on varsity, Carlo received help from a number of veterans. Co-captains Jeremy Kurznic '97 and Ian Klaus '97 "helped to motivate him." Defensive stalwarts Phillip Risseuw '98 and Mike Pierog '99 aided in his transition from the midfield. Unfortunately, the season turned out to be a disappointment as the squad barely missed the tournament.

Now in his upper year, Carlo has assumed more of a leadership role. Although some of the pressure to make the team was relieved this time around, Valdesolo still had a new season and a new coach to deal with, as Scott is on sabbatical.

From the very start interim coach Fred Grainger imposed a high pressure style of play, which benefited the speedy Piercarlo. Although his first impressions of the largely new team were mixed, with excellent coaching and good structure, Carlo soon real-



Boys' Soccer Team Remains Undefeated on the Season with Two Strong Showings

Nick MacInnis and Dapo Babatunde
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover	2
Tabor	1
Andover	0
St. John's Prep	0



BOYS SOCCER

The varsity boys' soccer team played Tabor and St. John's Prep this past week. After falling behind Tabor 1-0 early, the

Blue fought back and came away with a win under very harsh conditions. On Wednesday the Blue played Tabor to the number one team in the state, St. John's Prep, and despite dominating the game, the Blue's failure to finish led to a 0-0 tie.

Tabor

Tabor Academy, in spite of not having the same talent pool as Andover, has always given the Blue a hard battle; this year would prove to be no different. Andover knew the Tabor boys would be big and strong, and the small, hilly field was an equalizer for Tabor over Andover's technical ability.

Andover came out quickly when Scott Darci '01 had a beautiful goal scored because of a questionable

offsides call. Darci again set up a scoring opportunity when he laid a ball off to fellow forward Nick MacInnis '99 who easily finished, but again the referee whistled offsides. With the score still 0-0 Tabor shocked the Blue when an offensive player broke Andover's defense and buried the ball behind freshmen goalie James Kenley; it was the first goal Kenely and the defense had allowed this year.

The score stood 1-0 into half-time when the Blue decided to bring on Dapo Babatunde '00 and change their formation to 4-3-3. The change almost immediately paid dividends when Babatunde just missed a cross from Zack Wang '00. Dapo redeemed himself twenty minutes later when he turned and hit a blistering shot that the Tabor goalie deflected to the feet of Darci '01 for an easy finish. Andover continued to dominate the game into the closing minutes.

With just over two minutes remaining reserve forward Justin Reynolds '99 hit a tremendous cross over the goalkeepers outstretched arms that MacInnis '99 pushed in with his chest. For the Blue it was an emotional victory and one they definitely deserved.

St. John's

Ranked number one in the state, St. John's Prep came to Andover to

challenge the technical and tactical ability of the Blue. The Blue came prepared for the task at hand, being in prime physical condition. Andover shocked St. John's by dominating every aspect of the game. With controlled play from the defense, the boys were able to push the ball forward for prime scoring opportunities. One of those opportunities nearly paid off when PierCarlo Valdesolo '99 hammered a shot, luckily parried by the goalie, and the ball was deflected right to forward Nick MacInnis who inexplicably missed an open-net header from three yards away.

Andover continued to dictate play as Scott Darci '00 repeatedly beat his defender to whip crosses into the penalty box. Despite the constant pressure the score stood deadlocked at 0-0 into half-time. The formation was altered once again to a 4-3-3 for the Blue. They persisted to mangle St. John's defense; but they were defeated by themselves with a lack of finishing and the game ended in a 0-0 tie.

Andover remains undefeated with a 2-0-2 record, but they must capitalize on their opportunities if they are to have a successful season. The boys play at Babson College Friday evening before returning home for their toughest week of the season against Bridgton and Choate.

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Babson

Phillips Academy's boys varsity soccer team traveled to Babson this past Friday to take on the college's JV team. The game was played under the lights, in bitterly cold weather and damp conditions. Defenders Noah Kaye '99 and Simon Thaviesolen '99 got their first starts of the season, playing stopper and right back, respectively. They both displayed excellent composure for the Andover defense. Co-captain Michael Pierog '99, also played very strongly offensively for the small but enthusiastic group of fans that attended.

The Andover defense played tough in the first half, but the lone scoring opportunity that Babson encountered they capitalized on, as an oncoming striker slid the ball past goalkeeper Jamie Kenely '01, to give the home team a 1-0 at half-time. The Blue came out fighting in the second half, and were dominating the game until a free kick was flicked by a Babson forward over the head of Kenely for Babson's second goal of the night. Unwilling to give up, the Big Blue cut the deficit to one goal when Patrick Curtis '98 made

a great run behind the defense and brilliantly dribbled by the goalie before pushing the ball into the empty net. The boys played hard for the last five minutes, but the clock ran out on them and they fell by a score of 2-1.

Bridgton

Andover expected a battle coming into the Bridgton game; what they did not expect was that they would be without the services of their Co-Captain and their best defensive player,

Jim Risseeuw '98, who will in all likelihood miss the rest of the season due to sickness. The Andover players and coaches learned of Risseeuw's ailment late Tuesday night so the team immediately turned to reserve Kaye, who had played tremendously against Babson on Friday, to step in and fill the big shoes of Risseeuw. Kaye and the rest of the boys definitely stepped up their play in the absence of Risseeuw, as they came out and trounced Bridgton Academy by the score of 5-1.

Andover looked sluggish early and Bridgton nearly drew first blood, but freshman goalie Kenely made a tremendous save to keep the game scoreless. Once the Blue was able to survive the early flurry from their opponents they settled down and quickly took a two goal lead, mainly because of the hard work of freshmen Scott Darci. Darci used the combination of skill and determination to easily dribbled by the Bridgton defense before being stopped by the goalie, but fortunately Kevin Grant '98 was able to pick up the rebound and smash it into the net. Ten minutes later Darci was given a great ball by Mike Pierog and he quickly turned by his defender only to again be robbed of a goal by the Bridgton keeper; this time Nick MacInnis '99 was able to benefit from Darci's hard work as he pushed the rebound into the vacant Bridgton net for the two goal lead. Andover struck again when Chris Kane '99 was tripped in the penalty area drawing a penalty kick that Co-Captain Mike Pierog drilled by the Bridgton goalie for the 3-0 lead. Andover extended the lead to 4-0 when Andy Butler '98 took a free kick from Halsey Coughlin '99 and hit a superb volley out of the air. To make matters worse for Bridgton,

comeback when Justin Reynolds '99 put in the rebound off of a Curtis shot to extend the lead back to four. Reynolds, though, paid the price when the Bridgton goalie drilled him into the ground.

The game ended with a decisive 5-1 score for PA and the win will go a long way in their post-season aspirations. The boys look for revenge on last years 4-0 loss when Choate comes to town on Friday. With a win Andover will all but assure themselves of a tournament berth.

right before half-time one of their players was red-carded for a tackle from behind on Dapo Babtunde '00. Andover played the best half of soccer they have played all year and it paid dividends with 4-0 lead.

Early in the second half another Bridgton player was sent off the field with a red card and the opposition dropped to nine players. But the players from Bridgton, to their credit, kept working hard and scored a goal to cut the lead to three. Andover, though, dashed any Bridgton hopes of a

Boys Falter in Key Games

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Choate	1
Andover	0
Tufts	2
Andover	0

The boys' varsity soccer team suffered through a tough week, falling victim to a late goal in a 1-0 loss to number one ranked Choate, and suffering defeat at the hands of a fairly weak Tufts JV. In a lackluster performance by almost everyone. Defenseman Andy Butler '98 commented, "The ideal outcome of the Choate game really would have been a draw; neither team deserved to win and neither deserved to lose. After such a difficult loss, it was incredibly tough to face off with Tufts JV and muster a lot of enthusiasm."

Choate

Andover received a devastating blow on Friday when Choate overcame the Blue in a 1-0 battle. The boys looked very flat early, but freshman James Kenley thwarted the Choate offense with three brilliant saves. Nick MacInnis '99 anchored the left side of the field, continually pressuring the Choate defense. However, the physically large Choate

defense was able to dictate the tempo of the play throughout the game, stopping any Andover attacks and producing counter attacks for Choate. In the second half, the Blue came out strong with the attack led by Chris Kane '99 who showed patience and composure on the ball. Choate consis-

"It would have been fair had we drawn the match, but it would have been a travesty had we won."

Fred Grainger
Head Soccer Coach



Charlie Rich '98 plays the ball upfield in a futile attempt to spark some offense, as the boys' soccer team went scoreless on the week, failing to tally a single goal against Choate and Harvard.

Photo / J. Mitchell

tently used their defense to promote their attack. Butler played a tight game in the backfield, aiding the already strong Andover defense.

For all intensive purposes it was an evenly played game, but Choate managed to come up with a fluke goal to win. With fifty-eight seconds remaining, Choate received a corner kick. A single Choate defender stood unmarked on the far post and awkwardly finished the ball that came

across. After the game, Fred Grainger, head coach commented "It would have been fair had we drawn the match, but it would have been a travesty had we won." A positive side of the match was the tremendous effort of post-graduate Charlie Rich, who stood out as the team's "Man of the match."

Tufts JV

Against a big Tufts JV squad, Andover again suffered a sluggish start. Tufts JV quickly netted two goals as a result of the Blue's lack of precision on defense. Andover soon settled down and showed that it was the superior team. Dapo Babatunde '00 moved to an attacking position while veteran forward Nick MacInnis '99 controlled the midfield and sent effective balls to Babatunde up front. Late in the first half, Scott Darci '01 whipped the ball across the goal line to the foot of Tay-

lor Harmeling '98. The ball deflected off the hand of a Tufts defender. A penalty kick was awarded, and Michael Pierog '99 elected to take the kick. Unfortunately, his shot went directly to the keepers hand.

Andover controlled the second half, as the coach made many substitutions from the strong Andover bench. Among those substitutions, was freshman Alex Bradley. Displaying great poise, he distributed many great balls to the struggling offense. With the strong desire to equalize the game, the Blue fought to the end, but the game ended 2-0 in Tufts favor.

Andover's disappointing week demonstrated how quickly luck can change in the competitive New England Prep School Athletic Conference. One week ago, Andover seemed poised for a successful season, hoping that a win against Choate would lock up a post-season berth. After missing the tournament last year, the Blue is now feeling the pressure to make it back and regain the form that earned Andover two consecutive NEPSAC titles in 1994 and 1995.

Tomorrow's Parents' Weekend showdown with top ranked Northfield-Mount Hermon will be vital in influencing the tournament selection committee.

Boys' Soccer Suffers Scoring Drought

by Nick MacInnis and Dapo Babatunde
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Andover	0
NMH	0
Andover	0
Harvard	0

The Phillips Academy boys' soccer team had two draws this week against rival NMH and

the Harvard JV squad. The team was unable to put the ball in the back of the net, failing to score in either game. In their loss and two ties in league play, the boys have failed to score a single goal, a trend that will surely have to end if the team is to have serious post-season hopes.

NMH

Coming off of a very disappointing week, in which it lost both contests, the Andover boys' soccer team played host to perennial league power NMH. This game, both sides knew, would hold major post-season implications and would also help determine the winner of the traditional Dunbar Cup. The Dunbar Cup is a round-robin competition between four schools, Andover, NMH, Exeter, and Deerfield in which the team with the best record is the champion. The weather was perfect, and parents weekend added to the already ideal atmosphere for soccer. To go along with the already depleted roster, the Blue came into the game with injuries to starters Andy Butler '98, Scott Darci '01 and Nick MacInnis '99.

The boys started quickly nearly scoring a goal when post-graduate Charlie Rich made a tremendous run behind the NMH defense but put a shot from twenty yards out over the

bar. Andover pressured NMH, led by center-midfielders Rich and fellow post-graduate Kevin Grant, to break up all NMH counter-attacks. Grant played ferociously throughout the game, relentlessly antagonizing the skilled NMH midfielders and creating quick counters for the Blue.

The team seemed to rally around the play of the two PG's. Piercarlo made the switch from left-midfielder back to the position he occupied all

last year, sweeper. His speed and presence in the back allowed outside backs Halsey Coughlin '99 and Mike Pierog '99 to take chances going forward and help spark the offense.

Pierog and Coughlin played a very strong game defensively as well, shutting down a talented pair of NMH strikers and allowing the opposition no real scoring chances. Throughout the first half Andover consistently played strong offensively, but was unable to muster any true opportunities, and the score was 0-0 at half-time.

NMH came out storming in the first five minutes of the second half and applied a lot of pressure on the Blue defense, but Butler and Coughlin made a couple of big plays on defense to impede the NMH attack. Once the Blue settled down it dominated play in the second half, but was unable to score. Dapo Babatunde '00, who has played very well of late, took advantage of his superior speed and made countless runs through the NMH defense producing opportunities for himself as well as for his teammates that were not capitalized on. Andover had a great chance with about twenty minutes left when freshmen sensation Darci played a great ball in the eighteen yard box to Rich, who blasted a shot that missed the goal by inches.

Later on in the second half after a series of Andover passes, MacInnis played a cross to Darci, who found himself all alone about twelve yards

from the goal. Not realizing the time he had, Darci hurried a shot that the goalkeeper dove and saved to keep the game scoreless. Andover continued to press into the waning moments of the game, but could not break the scoreless tie.

Although the offense definitely produced some opportunities on Saturday a scoring drought appears to be haunting this team. On a positive note, though, the defense and goalie, Kenley '01, continue to sparkle and are definitely the strength of the Big Blue.

Harvard JV

It was very cold and windy on Wednesday when Andover played host to Harvard JV. Andover, who was previously 0-2 against college JV teams, came out looking for some offensive production and more importantly a win. The harsh conditions impaired Andover's ability to control the ball and contributed to Andover's lack of precision passing.

The only legitimate scoring opportunity for Andover came when Babatunde played a ball and struck a shot that forced the Harvard keeper to the ground. Harvard took advantage of some poor marking in the back from the Blue and had a few scoring opportunities, but similar to Andover, could not finish the ball. The game went into halftime scoreless.

Without the wind at their back, Andover pressed forward looking for more scoring opportunities in the second half. Rich consistently broke up Harvard's counter-attacks and paced the Blue offense. Late in the game forward Nick MacInnis '99 came in on a three against two and played a ball across to Kevin Grant '98 who smashed a shot just wide of the goal. No one stood out for Andover who continued its pattern of subpar play against college JV teams. Again the Blue's inability to score left it with a 0-0 draw.



Andover Breaks Out of Scoring Slump, Topples Deerfield and Moses Brown in Key Matchups

by Nick MacInnis
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	2
Deerfield	0
Andover	2
Moses Brown	1

The Andover boys' soccer team started an important

game stretch this past week, and it probably have to win all five to lift for the New England tournament. The Blue began its quest by winning the first two of its games, but have to keep up the intensity if the chances are to be successful. In the first game Andover took apart a mediocre Deerfield team, and in the second game freshmen Scott Darci carried Andover to a 2-1 victory.

Deerfield

In very wet and sloppy conditions, Andover went to Deerfield and blitzed the host team. This game was the beginning of Andover's quest for both the Dunbar Cup and a berth in the New England tournament, so the boys obviously would not have a problem motivating for the game. Before the contest, Fred Grainger challenged his team, which has struggled in road games, to play a complete match of soccer in an unfamiliar setting.

Scott Darci '01 scored 3 of his team's 4 goals last week in a spectacular effort that led Andover to two victories.

Phillips definitely embraced the coach's words early coming out strong and immediately placing the pressure squarely on Deerfield's shoulders.

Andover's first good chance of the game came when striker Scott Darci sent a cross into Kevin Grant '98 who had his shot from twelve yards out blocked by an opposing defender. Andover continued to press Deerfield and when Deerfield did get the ball Mike Pierog '99 and Interim co-captain Halsey Coughlin '99 did a tremendous job of stopping the Deerfield counter attack and sending the Blue back on the offensive. Pierog also did a very good job of getting up the field and helping the normally lackluster Blue offense to produce chances. About fifteen minutes into the second half forward Nick MacInnis '99 took a throw in from Coughlin and played a ball through the penalty area to Darci who blasted a shot off the hands of the outstretched Deerfield goalie and into the net. Andover continued to pressure

the Deerfield goalie, but he made several good saves, keeping his team down by only one goal at halftime.

In the second half Andover came out strong once again; continuing to mount the pressure on the Deerfield defense. All the hard work finally paid off when Coughlin sent a great cross that Kevin Grant '98 headed to midfielder Zack Wang '00 who calmly dribbled by the Deerfield goalie and pushed the ball into the empty net. Wang has been asked to fill in the left midfielder spot vacated by PierCarlo Valdesolo '98, who moved back to sweeper. Wang has been nothing short of spectacular sparking the offense and playing solid defensively as well. A two goal lead for the Blue defense proved more than enough. Valdesolo has excelled since he moved back to sweeper in place of injured captain Phil Risseu '98, and Andy Butler '99 continues to play very well, winning most headballs against opposing strikers. Goalie James Kenly '01 has also

been outstanding for the Blue this year, allowing only three goals in league play. Andover kept up the pressure and produced several more opportunities to score. Forward Justin Reynolds '99 made a great move in the penalty box, drawing a tripping call and a penalty shot. Unfortunately his penalty shot went just wide, keeping the score at 2-0. Both MacInnis and Grant also later missed easy opportunities that would have extended the team's lead.

Late in the game, when it was clear they were beaten, the Deerfield boys resorted to a cheap brand of soccer. Once again post-graduate Grant took the brunt of this abuse and he was forced to leave the game with a bloody lip and nose after he was punched in the face by a disgruntled Deerfield player. The same player was later red-carded and Deerfield was forced to play with ten players for the last eight minutes of the game, ending any hope of a comeback. Andover still continued to have its finishing woes, but was happily able to take home the hard fought 2-0 victory nonetheless.

Moses Brown

The same starting line-up from the Deerfield game looked to carry its play into Wednesday's match against Moses Brown. It was a quick paced start for the blue as Charlie Rich '98 took advantage of a mistake by the Moses Brown defense and nearly capitalized when he went in alone on the Moses Brown goalie, but unfortunately shot it right at the goalie. Within a minute, another opportunity arose when Dapo Babatunde '00 crossed a ball that freshmen Scott Darci finished beautifully fulfilling every soccer player's dream of scoring with a bicycle kick in a game situation. This left every person on the field, including Scott himself, astonished, as they

recapped the manipulation of his body to brilliantly finish the goal. Andover kept the pressure on and almost finished another goal, but MacInnis's flick from three yards out sailed just over the bar. Darci struck again, this time receiving a cross from MacInnis and taking the ball down beautifully in traffic, then, hammering it past the helpless Moses Brown goalie. Unfortunately Dapo Babatunde '00 had to leave the game due to illness; hopefully for him and the team he will return for Friday's game. Dapo's replacement Taylor Harmeling '98 played a good game, creating more opportunities for Andover.

The second half started with Andover still up by two goals. The Blue picked up right where it left off from the first half dominating the early stages of the second half. Unable to extend the lead to three Andover became frustrated with its play. The defense, which has always been the team's strength, played uncharacteristically poorly. Even though they struggled throughout the game they were able to keep a mediocre Moses Brown offense away from the goal until mid way through the second half when a complete breakdown resulted in a Moses Brown goal. Once the score was 2-1, the boys began to panic and their play became horrible. They could not control the ball in the air or on the ground and the scrappy Moses Brown team took advantage of this. Fortunately the game ended 2-1, but Coach Grainger was very unhappy with the lethargic play of the Blue against such poor competition.

With only three games left in the season Andover's hopes for tournament qualifications are high and Andover's hopes to stop Cushing under the lights on Friday night not repeating its poor performance from Wednesday.

Andover	1
Cushing	1
Andover	4
New Hampton	0

The boys' soccer team's tournament hopes suffered a minor setback this past week when the

Blue tied a mediocre Cushing team on Friday.

Andover, sparked by the return of injured captain Phil Risseuw '98 and Pat Curtis '98 followed up its subpar performance against Cushing with an excellent game against New Hampton this past Wednesday. Andover still has one game remaining against bitter rival Exeter on Saturday; a win in that game will give the boys the Dunbar Cup and should send them through to the New England championships.

Cushing

Andover took on Cushing Academy under the lights this past Friday night in a game that was very disappointing for the home side. Andover knew that the Cushing team would be big, strong, and fast and that it would take advantage of the small playing field to pressure Andover and prevent the Blue from settling into any kind of rhythm. The boys knew that to beat Cushing they would have to use all of the limited space on the football field.

The game started off just as Andover had expected. Cushing played five defenders, as opposed to the conventional four, just kicking the ball up field and hoping to capitalize on a mistake by the Andover defense. Despite its preparation, Andover still came out flat, and Cushing applied all the early pressure. Andover's opponents took a 1-0 lead when an oncoming striker headed a free-kick past PA goalkeeper James Kenley '01. The goal served as a wake-up call for the Blue, who up until that point had let Cushing dictate the play's tempo. Although it was unable to score in the latter stages of the first half, Andover did show some signs that the momentum was turning in their favor with its aggressive play in the waning moments before halftime.

In the second half the boys picked up where they left off, making numerous attacks. The Cushing defense though, led by a very athletic goalkeeper, held the Andover offense scoreless until about ten minutes remained in the game. After a scramble right in front of the Cushing goal Justin Reynolds '99, who had come into the game as a third forward in an attempt to produce more offense, found himself with an open net from two yards away. He made the opportunity count, blasting the ball into the net and tying the game. Andover attacked relentlessly for the final minutes of the game, but was unable to score again leaving the game tied. The boys could not sit and lament about a game they should have won. Andover had to move on and get ready for a match against New Hampton and then against Exeter the following Saturday, both games it had to win in order to keep their tournament hopes alive.

New Hampton

Going into their game with New Hampton, Andover received both good and bad news on the injury front. Happily, Risseuw and Curtis both dressed for the game after each endured a frustrating four week absence from the team because of medical reasons. On the other hand, Andover

learned that it would be without leading scorer Scott Darci '01, and he is questionable for Saturday's important game. Andover was surprised when it found that New Hampton, generally known as a weak team, entered the game with an 8-1 record. Any thoughts the Blue had of looking ahead to Saturday's contest, were quickly dispelled.

The Blue started intensely, applying pressure all over the field and immediately dominating play. In the first minute of play, Nick MacInnis '99 hit a shot from ten yards away right at the New Hampton goalie. New Hampton's goalie managed to deflect this to Dapo Babatunde '00, who put the ball over the top of the net from four yards out. Another great scoring opportunity arose when Justin Reynolds '99 smashed a perfectly placed volley that the opposing goalie dove

at, making a spectacular save. Later on in the half, Reynolds produced another opportunity when he brilliantly dribbled by the sweeper of New Hampton only to be denied again by the keeper. For the rest of the first half, Andover applied all the offensive pressure, but as in previous games it failed to finish.

The second half belonged to Mike Pierog '99. The Blue was awarded a penalty kick when Justin Reynolds drew a foul in the penalty area. Pierog then calmly drilled the penalty kick by the New Hampton goalie, giving the Blue its first lead. Within minutes, Andover struck again when lower Zach Wang splendidly finished a ball after taking his defender and three others. Andover continued its scoring streak when Mike Pierog blasted a free kick from thirty yards past the helpless New Hampton goalie. This was Pierog's best offensive game of the season, and

he led the Blue to victory. Andy Butler '98 tallied another goal for the Blue when he headed a corner kick from Pierog just inside the post, increasing the lead to four. The defense, of which Pierog and Butler are both key members, has dominated the season. Halsey Coughlin '98 and Piercarlo Valdesolo also played very well.

After the Blue had extended its lead to four, Risseuw and Curtis made their return to the field. In the waning minutes of the game, Jason Gimbel '98 and Mike Rechnitz '00 each checked into the game for the first time this season. Gimbel was untested in net while Rechnitz, nearly scoring Andover's fifth goal, played very well in first game opportunity of the season. It was a commanding victory for the Blue, who can now turn its attention to Saturday's game against fierce rival Exeter.

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Scott Darci '01

"I've never seen anything like that on the field, I just stood there and stared."

Andy Butler '98 on Darci's bicycle kick on Wednesday

by Andy Butler and Jason Gimbel
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The hope of the future has arrived today. In early September, Scott Darci '01 made the boys' varsity soccer team as a virtual unknown, but has since turned heads by leading the squad in scoring. Showing an uncanny knack for finding the goal and a work ethic second to none, Scott has surpassed all pre-season expectations.

Having a junior selected to the varsity side at Phillips Academy is unusual; however, it is extremely rare that a freshman assumes a starting role and contributes in a strong way. During this past week Darci has done nothing but contribute, tallying three times in two wins.

After scoring the game winner against Deerfield, he turned in another amazing performance finding the net twice in PA's victory over Moses Brown. Scott's talent and recent success has earned him the coveted honor of being Athlete of the Week.

Born and raised in Marblehead, Massachusetts, Darci began his soccer career at the age of five. After being introduced to the sport by his father and learning the basics, he continued his education in an instructional league on the weekends. The following season, Darci moved up the ranks and began to compete with the town team.

For the next six years, he proceeded to develop his skills on the field using tremendous commitment to improve himself. Shortly after his twelfth birthday, Scott decided to undertake a larger challenge, joining the club team Force.

Following a short two year stint with the squad, Darci changed teams to the Suns. In addition to playing outdoors, he played with the Suns' indoor team, Mass Machine, during the winter. As a member of Mass Machine, he

traveled with the squad to Atlanta for the national championships, and came home with a fourth place finish. To cap his impressive pre-high school career Scott returned to his town soccer team, after a three year hiatus, to win the under-14 state championship.

With such a resum(e), Darci could only continue to improve. He wanted to continue soccer, hockey, and lacrosse at the highest level. In his search for a suitable high school, Scott explored a number of area prep schools, including Andover, Tabor, and St. Paul's. He knew PA's reputa-

teaching styles took a little while to get used to," said Scott. Despite not thinking he would make the soccer team, Darci adjusted quite well on the athletic field, ascending to the starting eleven.

He made an immediate impact on the team, leading the offensive attack with co-forward Nick MacInnis '99. Although he played midfield throughout his entire career, Scott smoothly made the transition into the striker position.

With his three tallies this week, Darci has raised his team-high mark to seven goals. The team has performed well so far, and tournament aspirations rise with each win.

Scott's potency in attack is one of the contributing factors in the prosperity boys' soccer has experienced this year.

Despite Darci's skill and raw talent, he would not have been able to achieve his past successes without help from his parents. "My parents have always been there for me, always coming to my games, and driving me to practice," stated Scott. Combined with the support of his parents, Darci



Photo / J. Mitchell

tion as an acclaimed academic institution with a strong athletic program. The proximity to home, combined with excellent recommendations from friends at PA, made his choice much easier. An overnight visit in which he stayed in Stearns House sealed the decision.

Scott arrived on campus early for try-outs, but, unlike many freshman athletes, did not spend a lonely night. "Having friends [Ian Taggart '01 and Alex Bradley '01] from home in the dorm really helped," commented Darci. In addition to his buddies from Marblehead, Scott was aided by his status as a local boarder.

Quickly making friends on the soccer team and in the dorm, he experienced a simple social transition. In the classroom, Darci found the academics a bit different from his old school. "The amount of work and the

has a few role models in his older siblings: Eric, Kate, and Kristen.

The closeness of the family has aided Darci's growth, and given him the necessary skills to survive away from home.

Scott's career at Phillips Academy has only just begun, and the future looks bright.

He has already established himself as a dangerous striker in his first year at the position. Darci hopes to help lead PA to a post-season birth, and reaffirm Andover as a power in the New England soccer community.

Planning to play both hockey and lacrosse during the coming terms, Scott is a good candidate to continue the scholar, tri-varsity athlete tradition. Already a terror for opposing defenders, Darci will surely dominate the prep school league for years to come.

After an intense victory over Exeter, the soccer team suffered a devastating loss to top-seeded Belmont Hill

by Dapo Babatunde and Mike Rechnitz
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Andover	1
Exeter	0
Belmont	2
Andover	2

Andover's hope to earn a berth to the New England Championships was heightened this

past week when on Saturday the Blue overpowered Exeter.

With Andover scoring early, the Blue continued to shutout Exeter with the help of its fans. The Blue entered Wednesday's game against Belmont Hill knowing that the crowd would be roaring against the Blue for the quarter finals of the New England Championship. Both teams fought to the end, but unfortunately, Andover was beaten in a shoot-out.

Exeter

Andover knew going into the Exeter game that not only the Dunbar Cup, and a spot in the New England Tournament were on the line, but that the honor of the Blue rested on their shoulders.

The field was not in perfect condition, due to rain the previous night, and the Blue were forced to fight the freezing cold conditions. Surprisingly, the majority of the fans belonged to Andover, inspiring PA to rally against arch-nemesis Exeter.

The game started strong with complete domination by the Blue. Despite the poor conditions, Andover kept good control of the ball on the ground and in the air, producing a quick goal early in the game. Post-graduate Charlie Rich was unassisted in his first goal of the season, shooting from twenty

yards out, and beating the keeper on the bounce. It was an opportune time for Rich's first goal. Andover's commanding play in the first half led to a 1-0 lead at half-time.

The second half began with more controlled play by the Blue. Being up by one goal, Andover began playing offensively, pushing the mid-field into scoring positions. Nick MacInnis '99 nearly had a goal when he gained a step on his defender but his volleyed ball found it's way into the hands of

to produce scoring opportunities.

Within minutes of the final whistle, goalkeeper James Kenly stopped a break-away run by an Exeter's center forward.

As the referee ended the game, Andover had won the Dunbar Cup and were hopefully ensured a place in the prestigious New England Championships.

Belmont Hill

Andover, qualifying for the New England's as the eight seed, faced the number one seed, Belmont Hill, early Wednesday afternoon. A large crowd of fans, supporting Belmont Hill, lined the sides of the field. Andover was unfazed by the large crowd and played their game of controlled tactical soccer to start the half.

Within six minutes of the start of the game, lower Zac Wang beat his defender to the goal line and whipped the ball across to waiting post-graduate mid-fielder Kevin Grant, who touched the ball into the back of the net.

Belmont Hill had a quick counter strike when a ball was sent through the defense to an extremely fast Belmont Hill striker who lofted the ball over goalkeeper Jamie Kenly's '01 head.

With neither team in the lead, both sides worked extremely hard to create scoring opportunities.

A curious call by the referee led to a Belmont Hill corner kick. The ball landed on the head of a Belmont Hill forward, who flicked it into the goal giving Belmont a one goal advantage. The second half ended with Belmont Hill leading 2-1.

Andover showed that by no means were they out of the game when they

"Penalty shots are a horrible way to decide a game like that no matter who wins."

Andy Butler '98
Starting Stopper

the keeper.

Later in the half, PierCarlo Valdesolo '99 received a ball on the left wing and beat his man for a cross to the center of the goal. Zac Wang '00 hammered a shot just wide of the goal, keeping Andover lead at one.

The Blue steadily fought to pressure the Exeter offense but in the waning minutes of the game Exeter began





Scott Darci's '01 aggressive style of play against Exeter kept constant pressure on the Red and keeper Bobby McManus on Saturday.

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entered the second-half viciously fighting for control of play. Halsey Coughlin '99 diminished the Belmont offense by taking his attacker out of the game while leaving his defensive position to create scoring opportunities for Andover.

The right mid-field was dominated by mid-fielder Dapo Babatunde '00 who consistently beat his defender to every ball that the Andover defense sent. The play became very physical for both sides, and in the final minutes of the second half, still trailing 2-1, the Blue were rewarded a free kick from just outside the eighteen. The Belmont Hill keeper set a five man wall, but Mike Pierog '99 bent the ball over the top of the wall, roofing the keeper for the equalizing goal.

With time running out in the second-half, Babatunde turned his player

inside the eighteen in desperation for a winning goal, but shot just wide. Belmont had their final chance to capture victory but Kenly tremendously saved a powerful volley from twenty yards out. Time expired and Andover went into the first of two five minute overtimes.

The crowd was fanatic as overtime began until Scott Darci '01 scored on a deflection from a shot by post-graduate Charlie Rich. As Andover rejoiced, the referees spoke and called back the goal claiming offsides against Andover. Coach Fred Grainger was appalled by the call as were the few Andover fans. The first overtime ended with no goals, and the game still up for grabs. It is suggestive that the Belmont Hill players didn't argue after Darci's goal, but accepted the turn of events without mentioning any infraction.

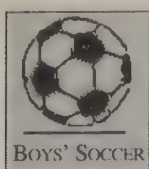
Although both teams fought in the second overtime, Neither team could score, and time expired, leaving the game up to a penalty shoot-out. After an inspirational talk from coach Grainger, the team was asked to volunteer in the taking of the penalty shots. First to shoot was Mike Pierog, who blasted a shot past the Belmont goalie. Belmont scored respectively. The second shooter for Andover was Charlie Rich, who slipped the ball under a diving Belmont Hill keeper. Again, Belmont scored.

The shoot-out went all five rounds, but unfortunately, Andover finished only one of the final three rounds, by a hammered shot by Scott Darci, which roofed the keeper. Belmont hill won by a final score of 4-3 in the five man shoot-out.



New Coach Expectations

by Nick MacInnis
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS EDITOR



Heading into the 1997 season, the boys' soccer team had only four returning starters, was unsure who would play goalie, and was without the coach who has guided the Andover soccer program to two New

England Championships in his seven years on the job. As if these questions were not enough, the team faced more adversity during the season than any other in recent memory. But, even with all these questions surrounding the team before and during the season, interim coach Fred Grainger remained optimistic, always stressing that his ultimate goal was a New England Championship. However, the optimism of their new coach could not keep the players from thinking that maybe this would be a "rebuilding year," and since the team had eight uppers, next year would be "the year." So, with all these issues surrounding the team, the boys took the field last August for their annual pre-season.

Although Andover returned only four starters, it was not lacking in talent. Captains Phil Risseuw '98 and Mike Pierog '99 led a strong group of returners that included Andy Butler '98, Pat Curtis '98, Taylor Harmeling '98, Piercarlo Valdesolo '99, Halsey Coughlin '99, Justin Reynolds '99, Nick MacInnis '99, and Dapo Babatunde '00. During preseason, though, a new group of players gave Andover an influx of talent that complimented the other returners nicely. Post graduates Charlie Rich and Kevin Grant provided the team with athleticism in the middle of the field, while Simon Thaviseelan '99, Noah Kaye '99, Chris Kane '99, and Zack Wang '00, all former JV players, gave the team depth all over the field.

The big surprise of the preseason, though, came in the form of three freshmen who made the squad, Alex Bradley, Scott Darci, and James Kenly. Kenly emerged as the team's starting goalie in his first year of high school play. Darci, meanwhile, played so well during preseason that Coach Grainger had to take notice and put him on the field once the season started. Bradley added a strong left foot to the team.

Early on in preseason it was obvious that Fred Grainger was not going to endure a "rebuilding year." He challenged the boys all throughout preseason as he and his assistant coaches, Charlie Morisson and Kevin Cardoza, put a system into place for the Andover team which would best suit its talents. After a long preseason, which included plenty of tedious tactic work, the team eagerly awaited its first scrimmage against Middlesex. After the 3-0 victory, which was highlighted by two goals from captain Mike Pierog, the team dispelled any notions of an off year. The Blue fared well at the Holderness Jamboree the following Saturday and then came back to play Brooks on Wednesday in the final tune-up before opening at home against perennial power Loomis-Chaffee.

Great defensive effort by both sides led to a 0-0 tie between Andover and Loomis, with neither team having any plausible scoring opportunities. This lack of scoring from the Andover offense was actually a preview of things to come later in the season. After a little winning streak Andover's next serious test came against Tabor, on the road. In the first half, Kenly gave up his first goal of the season and the Blue found itself down 1-0 at half-time for the first time all year. In the second half Scott Darci scored the first, but certainly not last, goal of his career. Then with the score tied and only about two minutes left, Justin Reynolds played a brilliant cross over the goalkeeper's head and right on the far post to oncoming forward MacInnis who tapped the ball into the empty net, giving Andover the victory. Although satisfied with the result the players realized that to go far into the post-season they would have to start playing better soccer.

Five games into the season, disaster struck the Andover soccer team when captain Phil Risseuw, who had been playing flawless soccer, was diagnosed with having mononucleosis.



imes this season, complementing Kyle O'Brien

many PGs and enormous running backs. But a united team effort led the blue to a victory of 15-13, holding off a final NMH attempt at a two point conversion with an interception by Marc Hordon '99. The Big Blue attributed the win to its strong defensive play, as well as another outstanding performance by both Sax, who had the two touchdowns, and Williams, who completed the two point conversion.

Andover's match-up against Deerfield proved to be another exciting game, but one plagued by injuries as well. Once again, the saw his first significant action of the season that game, playing seventy great minutes in place of an injured Kevin Grant. Unfortunately, as a result of some off the field problems, the Choate game was also the last of Kane's season.

Simultaneous to Kane's departure from the team, Mike Pierog stepped down as captain of the team, giving way to Halsey Coughlin. Again faced with adversity, Andover was forced to deal with it and prepare for a good stretch run if the team wanted to make the tournament.

Andover hosted NMH on Parents' Weekend, a squad which is traditionally heavily PG laden, and also very good. This was a great turn around in Andover's season as the Blue matched NMH all over the field, producing scoring opportunities, and keeping NMH away from Kenly. Although the game ended in a another 0-0 tie, it was overall a good result, considering the competition. After NMH the Blue had five very winnable league games left.

The next week Andover played Deerfield and Moses Brown. Scott Darci came alive this week, scoring three of Andover's four goals in its two victories, including one spectacular goal on a bicycle kick against Moses Brown. The 2-0 week gave Andover a record of 8-1-3 with only Cushing, New Hampton, and Exeter left on its schedule, three games the team thought were crucial to its birth in the tournament. Andover came dangerously close to losing to Cushing, needing a late Reynolds tally to salvage a tie for the Blue. Mike Pierog put his stamp on the New Hampton game, scoring two goals, including one twenty-five yard rocket that left the goalie motionless.

Andover eventually beat New Hampton 6-0, in a game that was also marked by the return of Risseuw from his sickness. That left Exeter as the only regular season game left for the Blue, a game in which the winner would be crowned champion of the Dunbar Cup, a small round robin tournament between Andover, Exeter, Deerfield, and NMH in which the team with the best record against the other three is crowned champion. Charlie Rich put Andover on the board early with a tremendous solo effort and the score remained 1-0 until half-time. In the second half Exeter made plenty of pushes forward, but was not able to crack Kenly and the Andover defense. When the final whistle blew and all the Andover faithful rushed the field, Andover had assured itself a Dunbar Cup, and a probable post-season bid.

Belmont Hill, the champion of the ISL, was Andover's first round opponent. Andover, being the number eight seed, was forced to go on the road to play Belmont Hill. After an early fluke goal by Kevin Grant, Andover held an early 1-0 advantage. The lead was short lived, though, because, after a failed Andover clear, a Belmont Hill striker pounced on a loose ball and tied the score. Belmont Hill took a 2-1 lead before half-time, a lead which stood all the way



Zack Wang '00, shown here, came alive in the second half of the season, sparking the Andover offense. Both the offensive and defensive units helped the boys' soccer team to its victories this year.

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SPORT: GIRLS' SOCCER
YEAR: 1997-98

CAPTAIN: Alicia Dermody & Heather Gotha
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:
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COACH: Lisa Pimentel
ASSISTANT COACHES:

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Burke, Megan M.
Caputo, Charlene M.
Chaffin, Farah M.
Conway, Sarah R.
Cote, Sarah W.
Decker, Joisan E.
Dermody, Alicia B. (cc)
Fitzpatrick, Hillary
Gotha, Heather E. (cc)
Grace, Whitney S.
Greene, Lucy K.
Harmeling, Ashley A.
Hermosa, Abbi V.
Isenburg, Jocelyn S.
James, Cassandra L.
Manheim, Marisa K.
Miller, Lauren R.
Morris, Mary W.
Petumenos, Krista A.
Smith, Heather E.
Stoj, Amelia B.
Strong, Meredith A.
✓Tompkins, Emily

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Wed., Sept. 10	Middlesex (scrimmage)	(H)	0	3
Sat., Sept. 13	Milton (scrimmage)	(A)	1	2
Wed., Sept. 17	St. Mark's (scrimmage)	(H)	0	1
Sat., Sept. 20	Loomis Chaffee	(H)	0	1
Wed., Sept. 24	Thayer	(H)	3	3
Sat., Sept. 27	Tabor	(A)	2	1
Wed., Oct. 1	B.B.&N.	(H)	1	2
Sat., Oct. 4	Choate	(H)	0	2
Wed., Oct. 8	Holderness	(H)	6	2
Fri., Oct. 10	Tufts	(H)	1	0
Wed., Oct. 15	Harvard	(A)	0	2
Fri., Oct. 17	N.M.H.	(H)	4	1
Wed., Oct. 22	St. Paul's	(H)	5	0
Sat., Oct. 25	Deerfield	(A)	2	1
Wed., Oct. 29	Noble & Greenough	(H)	1	2
Sat., Nov. 1	K.U.A.	(A)	1	0
Wed., Nov. 5	Winsor	(A)	5	0
Sat., Nov. 8	Exeter	(A)	1	0
Wed., Nov. 12	Tournament-Choate	(A)	4	3
Sat., Nov. 15	Milton	(A)	1	4

KEY INJURIES PLAGUE GIRLS' EARLY SEASON

Captain Heather Gotha joins ailing teammates on the sidelines after late game injury in 1-0 loss to St. Mark's

by Chris Kane and Noah Kaye

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

St. Mark's
Andover



In a 1-0 loss to St. Mark's this Wednesday, the Andover girls' soccer team was not able to overcome numerous injuries to

key players. Three senior leaders, co-captains Alicia Dermody '98 and Heather Gotha '98, as well as center midfielder Avra Ackerman '98 were not factors in the loss because of injuries suffered before and during the game. Playmaker Ackerman did not play at all and may not for several weeks. Dermody, who is the anchor of the Big Blue's defense, playing a deepened sweeper position was ill for the pre-season matchup, and perennial star Heather Gotha could not leave the field under her own power after a late-game injury. However, the senior striker still figures to play a crucial role this season.

Despite these calamities, Andover dominated play in Wednesday's game, pressuring the St. Mark's defense relentlessly and controlling the mid-field.

"There were definitely some wasted opportunities," said Heather Gotha, "I'd say we had 20 shots, at least." One play that was particularly close came late in the second half when senior Marissa Manheim struck a rebound just to the right of the goal.

An imposing St. Mark's goalie stymied Andover's Gotha-less offensive attack who went scoreless though they were thoroughly superior on and off the ball.

Possibly hindering the Blue was their lack of experience together as a squad as a result of its injuries. Though only one freshman, midfielder Lauren Miller, made the team, Andover begins this new season with a lower in goal, Anne Bernard, whom Gotha claims, "keeps getting better and better," and two other lowers, Hillary Fitzpatrick and Cassie James, start in the back-field.

Also on defense are newcomers Jocelyn Aisenberg '98, Meghan Burke '98, and Dermody. The Midfield is anchored by Ackerman, when healthy,



Captain Heather Gotha '98 controls the ball against St. Mark's before going down in the final minutes of the game with a knee injury.

Photo J. Mitchell

with Whitney Grace '98 and Emily Tompkins '99 on the wings making the midfield extremely strong, despite the preseason loss of Heather Smith '98. Up front, with Gotha, are Charlene Caputo '99 and Ashley Harmeling '00 who will split time and are expected to produce.

Many questions still remain about this team. The Blue must prove it can score and produce on the offensive side of the ball.

Thus far this preseason the squad has proven that they can dominate play with their superior team speed and skill, and have proven they can do it playing excellent soccer. Gotha and the inexperienced offensive attack must now prove they can put the ball in the net. If they can do that then and avoid injuries then a successful season may await.

The Blue also begin this season without longtime coach Karen Kennedy, who was replaced this off-season by Lisa Pimentel. She and her assistant, Clyde Beckwith, must prove they can pull the team together, regroup and return Andover soccer to prominence.

The team will have to do this with contributors Aisenberg, Gotha, Ackerman and Dermody not at full strength and with Heather Smith and Deb Vinton '98 unavailable for the season. A returning senior and strong player, Vinton chose not to play soccer.

As captain and leader, Gotha remains very optimistic despite the presence of the team's many pressing concerns, "I think that once everyone is healthy, we could be really good. We are pretty fast and we have some very skilled players. We'll win with

good soccer."

Loomis-Chaffee tests Andover first in their opener at home this Saturday, and the game will reveal much about the team's ability to compete with top teams this season. Northfield-Mount Hermon will present a serious challenge for the Big Blue, and as always, Buckingham Brown and Nichols will be very strong. Many of New England's best soccer schools have lost key players.

Likewise, Andover lost numerous stars, and their opening scrimmage was somewhat discouraging. However, the girls only need to maintain poise and play fundamental soccer to start beating their opponents. This should be a difficult task, but the senior leadership provided by players like Gotha, Ackerman and Grace, the task will be slightly easier.

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Girls' Soccer Looks to Overcome Early Season Injuries and Mediocre First Week

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Loomis-Chaffee	1
Andover	0
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The Andover girls endured a disappointing initial week without key senior leaders, losing their opener 1-0 to Loomis Chaffee and tying Wednesday's game with Thayer, 3-3, despite holding a substantial lead throughout much of the game. Center midfielder Avra Ackerman '97 missed both games while sweeper Alicia Dermody '97 played sick once again against Loomis. Fortunately Captain Heather Gotha '97 returned to her striker position for the Thayer game.

Loomis-Chaffee

Caught off guard by an initial, intense attack by the Loomis Chaffee girls, the Blue squad, perhaps a bit lackadaisical itself, allowed a well-struck ball from 20 yards out in 10th minute into their goal. There was not a let-down, though, but Andover's level of play did not improve either.

"We didn't play well together, but we were all just scrappy enough to keep them from scoring again," said Gotha after observing this game from the sidelines.

A large part of that defensive effort was the result of stellar play by goalie Anne Bernard '99 who stabilized and settled the rattled Blue defense after the early goal. The defense, with sweeper Dermody under the weather, played tough, and despite not putting in one of their best performances, was able to hold an impressive Loomis offense scoreless for the balance of the contest.

The defense was able to keep the game well in hand, but it was the midfield that was a broken link in the Blue's attack. Without Ackerman, the midfield did not possess the ball enough and Loomis came running at Andover. Having dropped the game without Ackerman or Gotha, one could conclude that this was a satisfactory showing by a depleted team, but the incohesiveness of the Blue is surely a concern heading into their next matchup with a well-respected Thayer team.

Thayer

Learning from their first game about getting off to a good start, the Blue struck quickly against Thayer. Ashley Harmeling '99 volleyed in a deflected corner only two minutes into the game to give Andover a 1-0 lead. With co-captain Gotha back on the field, the re-energized blue offense was able to tally a second goal before halftime, this one by Cassie James '99. The stellar offen-

sive play was matched on the other end, with Andover dominating on defense.

In the second half Thayer came out ready to play. The Andover squad was a bit flat and caught off-guard by the determined girls from Thayer, and surrendered a goal ten minutes into the second half. After the goal the girls regained their focus, and returned to their form by netting another goal on a brilliantly constructed play from the mid-field. Gotha started the play after winning a ball in mid-field and playing a square ball to Emily Thompkins '98. Thompkins then played James over the top, who then played the ball off for Harmeling at the eighteen, who drilled a shot into the upper ninety for her second goal.

As the game progressed after the goal, the girls seemed to hit a wall. The midfield, which had been so dominating and aggressive, began to tire and Thayer began to gain opportunities. It seemed the more Thayer began to step up and attack, the more Andover would sit back and let things happen.

With ten minutes left Thayer scored to make it 3-2. The Andover team, which was short on subs due to injuries, was thoroughly exhausted but kept fight-

ing, feeling the pressure put on by Thayer. The PA defense was disorganized and confused, but was able to hold together enough to stymie the now-potent Thayer attack. The game was into its closing minutes when a Thayer girl was fouled outside the Andover eighteen yard box. The crowd held its breath and watched helplessly as the Thayer girl knocked the shot in to tie the game at 3-3, the score at which the game ended.

"As a team we dominated the first three quarters of the game. We have to learn how not to let down at the end of a game," said sidelined Avra Ackerman, very much chagrined after her team's collapse. However, Ackerman may return as soon as this weekend and will surely play next week.

Major crises in preseason, scoring and senior leadership, are gradually being resolved as the regular season begins to unfold. Gotha's return was marked by a three goal performance by Andover's frontline, and her leadership along with Dermody's will soon be aided by that of Ackerman, the leader of the midfield. Fortunately these serious dilemmas will hopefully soon be over with almost an entire season left to play.



Hillary Fitzpatrick clears the ball from the Andover defensive zone.

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Girls' Soccer Still Seeking Direction in Early Season

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"We didn't step up to the ball very hard," Gotha said, "Truthfully, we made them look really good."

BB&N capitalized on the Blue's poor play, running them ragged and creating numerous scoring opportunities. Netting a goal before halftime, the BB&N girls were able to go into the second half confident that the game was under control.

Trying to utilize their second half burst, the Blue was shocked by the atrocious non-call on an obvious off-sides, a blunder which resulted in a BB&N goal. Five minutes later the Blue was able to retaliate with a goal of its own. The goal was scored when a throw-in was deflected to Lauren Miller '01 who took the ball to the by-line and then whipped a cross which deflected off the keeper to a waiting Harmeling who buried the empty netter. Established as a finishing specialist, Harmeling has picked up the slack which Heather Gotha left behind up front. To compensate for the loss of Avra Ackerman '98, Gotha was moved to the center of the midfield, leaving the scoring duties to younger players like Harmeling and Lauren Miller.

Andover's defense was hit unexpectedly by injury once again in this game when Marissa Manheim '98, the team's stopper, had to leave the game. In a somewhat daring move, Gotha was moved back to stopper, filling the newest gaping hole in the Andover lineup. Much to the team's dismay, the young forwards didn't produce many opportunities. They didn't work hard enough off the ball and were beaten to far too many balls for a team trying to



Marisa Manheim '98 controls the ball against BB&N before succumbing to an injury at the end of the game

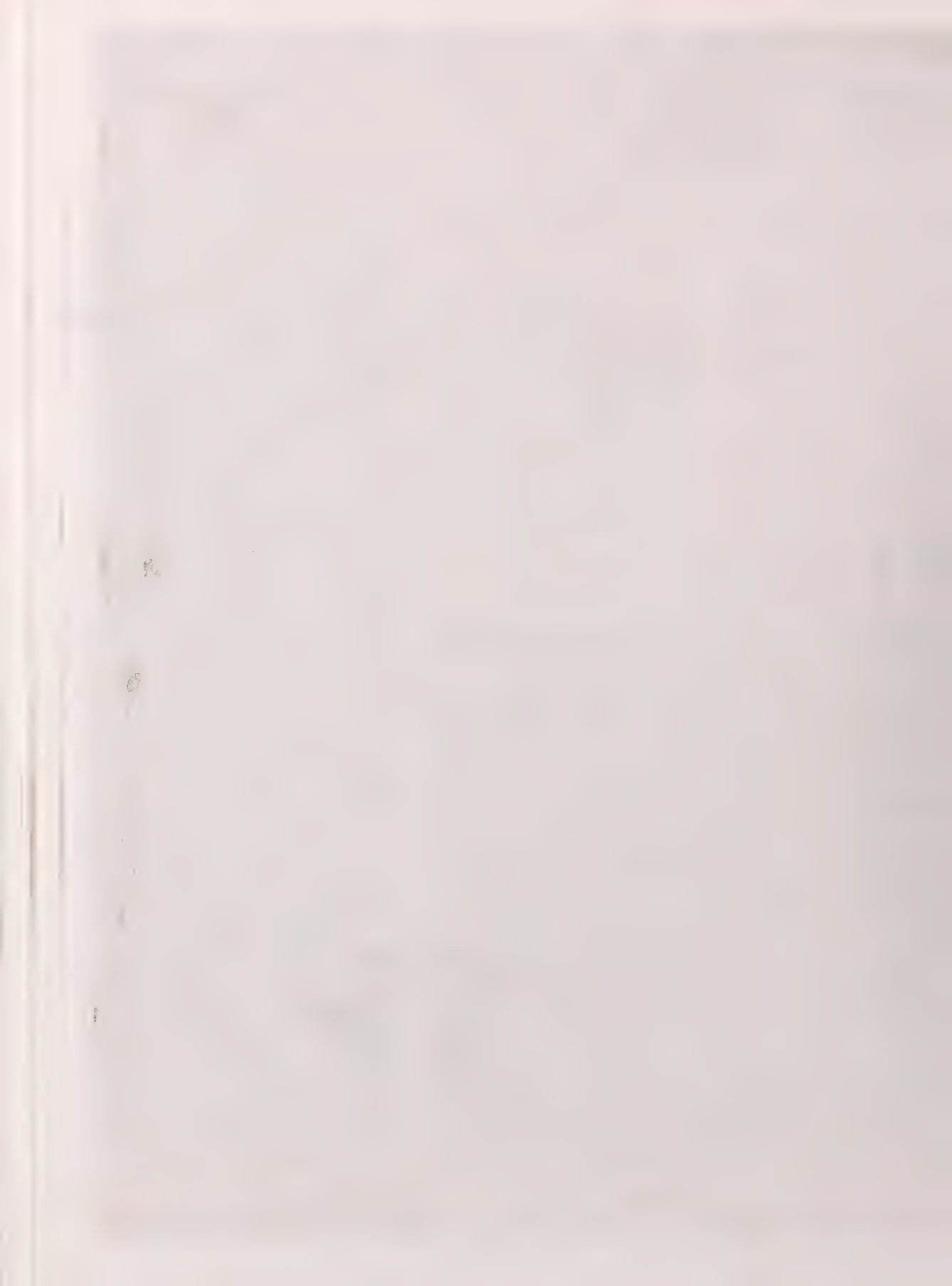
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rally from a 2-0 deficit.

An inconsistent first two weeks of the season has left the Andover girls in a shocking position competing against top teams with only three starters from last year's team. With one co-captain

out for the season and the other changing positions every time there is an injury (which has been often), it is hard to predict how successful this young team will be this season.

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Girls' Soccer Blows by Holderness

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Choate

The Andover girls encountered an exceptionally fast and physically advanced Choate team on Saturday. This game was another in a series of fierce games that have been played between the two teams in recent years.

"It was like it always is with Choate... very fast and intense," said Avra Ackerman '98 who watched the game from the sideline.

Alica Dermody '98 is out for the season. There's nothing to be done but play without her for now; the team is also unfortunately without the services of Ackerman and Whitney Marissa Manheim. This one of recovery, though the team required much more than last efforts of a patched-up team. Holderness provided a the Andover girls to make any recovery from the traumatic season.

As a result of the numerous injuries which have marred the team's season, just three seniors were on the field at kick off. Midfielders Grace and Ackerman were sidelined along with the backbone of the defense, Manheim and Dermody. Jocelyn Aisenberg '98 and Megan Burke '98 made the start, anchoring the young first-team with center-forward made center-midfielder Heather Gotha. Among those underclassmen called upon to contribute to the cause of a depleted team were Ashley Harmeling '00, a prolific scorer of

late, and Hillary Fitzpatrick '00 at the fullback position.

The Choate girls were fast, strong, and well-organized in the transition from the defensive third to the offensive third. Particularly adept at pushing the ball speedily at the Andover defense was an outstanding Choate striker, who was a catalyst in the final third of the field, and a factor in every scoring opportunity.

Choate struck first. Within five minutes after the kick off, they took control of the game with a startlingly quick goal. The goal came after a ball was played into the center of the field haphazardly by the defense and was collected by a player Choate who turned around and quickly fired a shot by keeper Anne Bernard.

After the goal, Andover settled down into its game and began playing good tactical soccer. Unfortunately the Blue was not able to capitalize on its many chances and couldn't put up a goal for the entire game. Choate, at the top of their game, was able to net another goal later in the game when a Choate player drilled a shot from outside the, eighteen past a stunned Bernard.

This loss was a disappointing one for the Blue because they played so well but were unable to capitalize. The game was also disappointing the Choate team has become such a huge rival. At one point in the game Isenberg, an emotional and vocal leader from the sweeper position, almost got into a fight with a confrontational Choate player.

"This loss was very tough to take considering how well we played," said Isenberg, "but we have to be encouraged by the effort."

Losing to Choate was a sobering experience, but it revealed to the Andover girls that they could play at a competitive level with an exceptional team despite the losses of key players and leaders.

"The first half of the Choate game was by far the best half of good soccer we've played so far this season," said Ackerman.

Holderness

Wednesday's game, or rather Wednesday's blowout, was what certain of the team's players called "a training match."

"This win was great for the team's

spirit and unity," said Ackerman, obviously chagrined as she was once again unable to play. "There was really no secret to the game, we were just much stronger and more skilled."

Despite their every effort, Holderness could not compete with the Andover girls, who quite simply were at another level of play. This game was an excellent building block in which the Blue once again returned to the team-oriented style of play which has been so effective for Andover soccer over the years, and which Andover had strayed away from in their previous games. The girls, who had been unenthusiastic and slow in practice during the week, needed this big win to boost their spirits and get them back on track.

Andover did not waste time getting on the board with their first goal com-

ing from Gotha early in the game on a beautiful bending corner which deflected off a Holderness player into the net. The Blue kept up constant pressure, creating many opportunities and shots on net from all over the field. Amelia Stoj '98 played especially well in the game, peppering the Holderness keeper with shots. They netted five more goals, including another by Gotha. Despite their domination, Andover did not play its best game. To the contrary, Andover seemed to have reverted to its individualistic style of play.

The fair degree of success achieved this past week has provoked thoughts of a rejuvenated healthy Andover girls' soccer team completing the quest their co-captain Alicia Dermody left behind---winning a New England championship.



er Gotha '98 led the Andover attack Wednesday with two goals.

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Amelia Stoj '98 cuts the ball back to avoid a Holderness defender

GIRLS' SOCCER BLOWS OUT NORTHFIELD AND ST. PAUL'S

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The girls went into this week fully aware of their predicament. They needed two cru-

wins to keep their tournament hopes alive. In an intense Friday night game under the lights, against a strong Eastern opponent, NMH, the girls overcame the Hoggers with stellar play. Not only did the win Friday night provide the team with needed confidence, but it also rejuvenated the team's chemistry. "We have what it takes to go all the way. When we play like this, no one can beat us," said Megan Burke '98.

NMH

A tenacious team took the field under the lights. Ferocious from the opening whistle, Andover controlled the tempo, rarely allowing the ball to penetrate its defensive half. The defense held the line, while the offense made smart runs, taking advantage of the slow NMH backs. The Big Blue got on the scoreboard first with a dramatic goal by the team's leading scorer Ashley Harmeling '00. The perfectly placed ball by Heather Gotha '98, along with Harmeling's knack for scoring left the NMH keeper with no chance. The whole team continued to dominate all areas of the field, taking a 1-0 lead into halftime. "We were all over their first touches, and took them out of the game mentally," commented Heather Smith '98.

During halftime, Lisa Pimentel, gave the team an inspirational talk, warning against a let down similar to that of previous games. An early second half energy burst allowed the girls to score within the first two minutes. Charlene Caputo '99 scored after a long scramble in front of the goal, resulting from a beautiful ball off the foot of Whitney Grace '98. With a 2-0 lead, the girls began to get confident,

which resulted in a careless foul, leading to a free kick, dead ball goal. Now, with NMH crawling back into the game, the Blue decided that the game belonged to Andover, and a lesser team was not going to take it away. After this crucial turn around play, there were no more mistakes. The defense played superbly, stopping every offensive attack, leaving the NMH forwards extremely frustrated. Amelia Stoj '98, used her blazing speed to pass by her opponent and get in position for the cross from center midfielder, Emily Tompkins '99. After a bit of confusion in the eighteen, Stoj crushed the ball into the back of the net, lighting up the cold crowd. The obviously excited squad proceeded to dive into the middle of the field, and from this point on it was apparent that this game belonged to the Big Blue. Caputo's second goal with under five minutes left, put an exclamation point on the victory, leaving NMH with their heads down in disgust. "This win is exactly what we needed. Everyone played amazing, I feel our season will only improve from this point," commented after the game Jocelyn Isenburg '98.

St. Paul's

It is hard to imagine that the team could play any better than it did Friday night, but Andover showed the same intensity and skill on Wednesday against St. Paul's. Great communication and overlapping runs by the midfielders, Avra Ackerman '98, Sara Cote '00, Lucy Greene '00 and Meredith Strong '99, were key elements of this victory. The defense again started the game strongly, covering well and anticipating St. Paul's lofted balls. The offense was sparked by Whitney Grace '98 who had the best goal all season, a lefty half volley into the upper right hand corner. From this point on there was no stopping the Big Blue, who continued to pressure St. Paul's outstanding goalie.

Andover came out aggressive, winning every fifty-fifty ball. With

only a 1-0 lead, the Blue needed some insurance goals. The second goal was generated by the continued great play of the defense, and was tucked into the upper right hand corner on a gorgeous shoot by left back Windsor Morris '99. Farrah Chaffin '99 kept making brilliant saves, preventing St. Paul's from getting on the scoreboard. Now, the game was turned into an offensive display, with Andover taking twenty more shots on goal and scoring three more goals. Led by Gotha's and Ackerman's penetration, the team was able to distribute in front of the goal, leaving open opportunities for the forwards who gratefully capitalized. The goals were scored by Cassie James '00, Harmeling, and Grace, each spectacular in its own rite. "We've finally put a winning streak together, and I couldn't feel better about the way we've been playing" noted Hillary Fitzpatrick '00.

The Big Blue head into next week with two consecutive wins. Andover will look to extend its streak to four games by beating Deerfield and BB&N.

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Whitney Grace '98

"A four year veteran of the girls' varsity soccer team, Grace contributes leadership and experience both on and off the field"

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An inspiration to the entire Phillips Academy community and her teammates, Whitney Grace '98 embodies the ideal Andover student athlete. A four year veteran of the girls' varsity soccer team, Grace contributes leadership and experience both on and off the field. As a player, her skills and style of play are well suited to the squad, giving another dimension to an already strong team. Although the season began on losing note, Whitney has been a key factor in the squad's remarkable turn around. In the last two games, she has provided PA with a much needed offensive spark, scoring two goals on Wednesday and assisting two more on Friday. Her contribution in the team's last two matches, along with her consistent play throughout the season, has earned Whitney the distinguished honor of Athlete of the Week.

Born in the small New England town of Norwalk, Connecticut, Whitney was raised in a close, tight knit community. She began her illustrious soccer career at the young age of five, attending small clinics and learning the fundamental aspects of the game. Two years later, Grace joined her town team and started to compete with area squads. However, at the age of ten, she

moved to Hamilton, MA, so that her father could pursue a job offer.

In her new home, Whitney continued to flourish on the soccer field playing for the Hamilton area team. After completing fifth grade, she began to play for her school as well. During the next three years, she competed for her town, the Glen Urquhart School, and, for brief period of time, a club team. Her brief stint with Essex United turned out to be a bad experience because the attitude of her teammates

er, in the end Grace choose PA for a number of reasons. The idea of being a local border appealed to her, as did the size of Phillips. Also, the high level of academics and athletics helped Andover stand out in Whitney's mind.

The transition to PA ended up being a lot easier than Whitney expected. After worrying about the move during the summer, she enjoyed a smooth matriculation. Although she was unable to participate in many of the orientation activities, Grace found

it easy to make friends through soccer. In the athletic arena, she shined mostly because of the preparation she received from her former school, making the varsity team as a freshman. Her classes proved challenging, but the work load was not much different from before. Arguably the hardest part of the transition was becoming a border. "The first few weeks were like summer camp, but learning to share a one room double was hard," said Whitney. Luckily, she was not far



Photo: J. Mitchell from home, where her mom was ready to offer support.

Although she was selected to the varsity squad in her junior year, Grace was used sparingly during the season. At first she was a bit intimidated, but soon it became apparent that the other girls were there to support her. The squad was invited to the New England Prep School Athletic Coalition tournament, but fell in the quarterfinals. The next season Whitney began to play more, starting a few games. Unfortunately, the team's hope for a championship were again dashed at the tournament, this time in the opening round.

Last fall as an Upper, Grace moved into a starting role and made an important contribution to a very successful team. After starting the season on the right foot, going undefeated for the first month, the team fell into a slump mid-way through the fall, and tournament aspirations quickly dwindled. However, Whitney and the rest of the team regrouped for the stretch run, as the team fought it's way into the New England semifinals. There they faced a powerful Deerfield squad, a team that just proved to powerful for the Andover girls.

In the offseason, the girls' varsity soccer program underwent serious changes. With the resignation of long time head coach Karen Kennedy, some questions had to be answered. Lisa Pimentel was named the new coach, in charge of continuing the winning tradition "Coach K" had begun. Also coached by Pimentel in lacrosse, Whitney embraced the change. "She does a great job of motivating us, without dwelling on our mistakes," commented Grace.

Although a sprained ankle has kept Grace out of action for two games this year, she has been a major contributor to the Blue's success. After dropping a number of games early in the season with many of its star players on the sidelines with injuries, PA has turned things around as of late. A match-up with Holderness three weeks ago proved to be the major turning point, as Andover exploded for six goals in an impressive shut-out victory. Tournament hopes will ride on the team's ability to close out the season on a high note, needing a victory in four of their remaining six contests.

As Whitney looks to the future, college looms on the horizon. She is applying early decision to Brown University, in nearby Rhode Island. However, she has also shown interest in Amherst and Williams. Grace plans to only participate in lacrosse if she is able to attend a Division One school, because of the huge time commitment involved. Should she end up at a Division Three school, she hopes to play both soccer and lacrosse.

A large part of Whitney's success both on and off the field stems from the support of her parents. "I couldn't be where I am without my mom," stated Grace, wishing to emphasize the role of her mother in her life. A devoted fan, Mrs. Grace attends every game, rain or shine. With the support she receives from her parents, as well as her friends, Whitney will continue to use her natural talent to it's fullest potential for years to

After Toppling Deerfield, Girls Fall to Nobles in Crucial Game

by Noah Kaye

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Backed by the momentum of two consecutive wins, the Andover girls' soccer team

red this week in the hunt for a season birth. The team won a big match at Deerfield, but led a sorrowful game to Nobles, seniors' last game at home. At the book was, for the most part, led on the team's season.

Deerfield

Deerfield's girls soccer team has earned more respect around New England in past years than this year. Deerfield may have been a more intimidating opponent, a more explosive force, in past years, but the Deerfield girls still stand as a major roadblock in Andover's road to New England's Final Eight. No one needed to remind the Blue that it was this Deerfield team which eliminated them from the score of 1-0 in a fierce semifinal match in last year's tournament. Now this Deerfield team threatened to stop Andover from reaching the New England tournament.

Hurricane-like weather in the area made for a difficult game on Deerfield's plush, but easily overturned grass. The field was a mess, fitting conditions for Deerfield's down and out style of play, and a negative factor against the lively, one-and-two touch game that has carried Andover this season.

Andover adjusted superbly to the field conditions, matching the Deerfield girls' physical tactics with a brute strength of their own. "We're not a pretty team, but we can play scrappily," said captain Heather Gotha '98, "It isn't our best soccer, but we did play scrappily."

Andover's physical play was initiated by lower Cassie James, who bulldozed her way to two goals. James and a barrage of forwards who subbed in and out of the game, including Charlene Caputo '99, Ashley Harmling '00, and Amelia Stoj '98, could not manage a goal in the first half of this grudge match, but they did make some Deerfield hearts skip a beat.

Heather Gotha, controlling the game from the center-midfield as usual, made an overlapping run down the left flank. Having received the ball, Gotha flew down the line, leaving three Deerfield defenders in disgust with themselves. A cut-back of the ball, freed Gotha enough to chip a ball into a deserted penalty box, thus wasting a precious scoring opportunity. Andover's attackers squandered an opportunity by not crashing into the penalty box when the ball was sent across. The Blue's aerial attack failed while they were there, once Caputo blasted an open volley over the net, but most of the time, the ball never got across. Though the girls used the width of the field well, they were unable to free themselves to cross the ball. With the ball stuck on the wings, key playmaker Gotha and top-scorers Harmling and James didn't touch the ball as much as was needed to score.

The Andover Defense, anchored by Jocelyn Aisenberg '98 and the duo of Marissa Manheim '98 and Meredith Strong '99, managed to play soundly without resorting to petty retaliatory fouls against a rather dirty team. Fullbacks Megan Burke '98 and Hillary Fitzpatrick '00 marked impressively and consistently shut down Deerfield's flighted attack. The defense's main weakness was obvious, though. On

almost every set-piece for Deerfield, whether a direct, indirect, or corner kick, the Andover defense was disorganized. The result: near chances for Deerfield which might have cost the game.

As players grew tired, it became increasingly difficult to settle the ball. Deerfield continued to knock balls long and over the top of the Andover defense. Andover, trying to keep the ball on the ground and attack by using Gotha and outside midfielders Whitney Grace '98 and Emily Tomkins '99 to advance the ball, was discouraged by their inability both to settle the ball and settle into their game. There was a feeling of despair at the end of the first half, possibly signaling that Deerfield was in control of the game, at home and in the rain.

The second half began with a rare scoring chance off of a kickoff. Whitney Grace advanced the ball herself from midfield to the edge of the penalty box only to misfire a slow-dribbling ball to the goalkeeper. Soon after, another cross from Heather Gotha hit the far post and eluded three Andover attackers in the area.

Deerfield's luck was better. 12 minutes into the half, a corner kick resulted in a goal. Keeper Anne Bernard '00, who had been unaggressive on corner kicks in the past, was shielded by a tall Deerfield girl. The ball was placed where only Bernard or the girl who shielded her could reach it, and the tall girl rose to head the ball in for the 1-0 lead.

There was no letting up, however, for the Big Blue in this crucial game. Within two minutes, Andover had scored the equalizer on a cross from Gotha. A chipped ball which tipped off of the head of a defender reached an on-running Cassie James who, one-on-one with the keeper, put the ball around her as she came out.

The sense of the game seemed to turn and Andover pounded the ball at the Deerfield girls. In a must-win situation, Cassie James came through again. With under fifteen minutes remaining, a Tomkins corner kick deflected off Gotha to James, once again in the right place at the right time, who scored the open netter.

From here what was a wet, physical soccer game turned into a complete grudge match and nothing more. Andover panicked, packed their defense in, and frantically booted the ball out of the back, never pressing on. This uncomposed manner of play, and four free kicks in the last two minutes, including one at the edge of the 18-yard line which a wall blocked, almost cost Andover their victory.

"We just couldn't play our game," said Gotha, "but we were tough."

And that will win games in the rain.

Nobles

This crushing defeat marked the end of playing on Graves Field for the Andover seniors. It marked the end of the team's tournament hopes as well.

Nobles entered the game 7-1, also vying for a tournament birth, but not an unbeatable opponent by any means. The Andover girls played distinctly differently in the first half than they did in the second half and that dichotomy proved the end of them.

An exciting Nobles forward turned in a hat trick that day, while Cassie James scored two goals, giving her four in two games. But her attempt was not enough.

Nobles' first two goals came in the first half. The first occurred when an Andover defender narrowly missed intercepting a ball and thus left a mark alone in front of the net, several yards out. Their second goal, scored by the same speedy forward, came when a high ball eluded both Jocelyn Aisenberg and Megan Burke, two seniors on the gritty Andover defense, allowing a 35-yard breakaway with Hillary Fitzpatrick close behind. Squeezed between the two Nobles' goals, was a corner kick which ended with a head by James who was headed the ball to Grace to tie the game. Nevertheless Nobles led 2-1 at the half.

Unfazed by trailing in another must-win game, the Blue tied the game early in the second half when Cassie James charged through and around several defenders en route to a goal.

James' far-post shot tied the game 2-2 for a team whose emotions were beginning to surmount.

As the speedy Nobles forward scored again off of a give-and-go from 15 yards out, the displeasing and painful end of the careers of Andover seniors loomed. Andover's confused style of play mustered quite a few opportunities in the final minutes, but they could not tie the score and the game could prolong neither the end of the season nor the P.A. soccer careers of their seniors.

The long road into and out of play off contention was littered with injuries and misfortune. It also presented hard-fought, valiant wins without key players. This week was an emotional roller coaster for the Andover girls who experienced the thrill of a come-from-behind victory in a crucial game at Deerfield, but also saw the last home game dropped into the hands of Nobles in an equally important game.

Andover Girls Blank Both KUA and Winsor

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The PA girls' soccer team recovered from its lackluster effort last week against Nobles,

won two games this week which fully brightened its hopes for a off berth. Following the last game e season at Graves Field, a 1-0 it at the hands of Nobles, the cyn-iew of the girls' playoff chances dark. But with a crucial win over ass C team in Kimball Union lemy, and a most impressive ding of Windsor, the Andover may have swayed some of the tion committee members' votes way.

KUA

ike last week's Saturday game, ver played in the rain and on the at KUA, in front of a big crowd. 's small field made the game a bit ult for Andover, who plays a of soccer that utilizes the width of eld, and plays the ball into space coming players to control. We had trouble adjusting," admit- illary Fitzpatrick '00, left-back. itzpatrick's defense did not have le adjusting to the dimensions of eld or the erratic tempo of play. ad, the Andover defense, red by Jocelyn Isenberg '98, shut Kimball Union's two aggressive hysically dominating forwards. y the two best players on the squad, the two strikers fought for in this close game. But the KUA r's intensity was matched by the nt marking of Marissa Manheim nd Megan Burke '98, as well as tzpatrick. The Andover defense ed few shots and when it did, the use's pestering presence forced

their inaccuracy.

PA seemed to be giving the KUA girls simply too much time to play the ball, though. This lazy attitude mini- mized its offensive chances, because of the resulting lack of control of the midfield.

"We weren't playing the game teams like Nobles push us to play," said Burke. "But KUA was the type of team a struggling playoff contender must undoubtedly put away."

A superior team is bound to find the net eventually, and Cassie James '00 did so midway through the first half. Receiving the ball on a diagonal run across the penalty box, James beat her defender for an open shot which she buried in the corner of the net. That goal was all the P.A. team need- ed. Though the Blue's offensive attack increased dramatically in the second half they didn't score again. However, the girls kept KUA from ever mount- ing a counter attack.

Winsor

P.A. took to the road again on Wednesday, to face Winsor in another must-win situation. Once again playing on a small field, the Andover girls had to adjust, which they did with great success. Knocking the ball around the midfield and to the for- wards, the girls dismantled the Wind- sor defense. The first half saw three goals by the Blue. The first came off of a volley by Charlene Caputo '99, who had received the ball from Heather

Gotha '98, the right midfielder. This superb finish set the standard for the other P.A. girls to match. Next, James penetrated past two defenders and ended with one of her usual in-close finishes. Then, as part of the continual barrage of Andover attacks, Emilia Stoj '98 eluded a defender who had given her far too much space in the penalty area, and used her natural left foot to put the Blue ahead 3-0.

Andover's defense had a new look against Winsor. As a result of knee pains, Isenberg was only able to play 30 minutes, so the tandem of Burke and Fitzpatrick filled in at sweeper in her absence. The two fill-ins controlled play from the back well, and eliminated any Winsor threat to score.

Striking again in the second half, PA extended its lead on a corner kick from Gotha. Gotha's second assist came on this play when Cassie James took the ball down with her chest, and put it past the diving keeper. James was to record an assist of her own too, as she sent Ashley Harmling '00 a through ball from 40 yards out which triggered a breakaway goal by the lower.

The margin of victory in this game may prove to be an excellent indicator of just how good this injury-riddled team is. A tournament birth is still this team's goal, and it is still a possibility. Now if they can just put Exeter away this weekend, the team will have ful- filled all the school's expectations.

Girls' Soccer Team Advances to New England Tourney Semi-finals with Dramatic Shoot-Out Win Over Choate

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On Wednesday, the girls' varsity soccer team advanced to Pomfret, Connecticut to play the quarter finals of the New England Tournament. Ranked fifth, the girls were matched up against the top ranked Choate. During the season, an injury-stricken squad experienced a disappointing defeat against the Choate

girls hoped to avenge their loss by starting Wednesday's game with intensity, aiming to score an early goal thereby exploiting Choate's weaknesses—its inexperienced defenders and overconfidence. The Blue came through on its pregame strategy when Cassie James '00 had a fantastic run up the field in the first minute of play, beating two defenders and drawing the keeper out of goal mouth before sending a pass to Amelia Stoj '98 who then headed the ball into the far corner of the net.

Unfortunately, three minutes later, Choate tied the score, sneaking the ball back of the net after some goalkeeper confusion. However, the Andover team kept their heads up. Five minutes later, captain Heather Stoj '98 volleyed in a beautifully placed header kick by Emily Tompkins to tie the game. In the first half, Ashley James '00 chalked up a third Big Blue goal off a through ball from Whitney Grace '98. At half time, Coach Pimentel encouraged the team to maintain its level of play in the second half of the game. Choate's defense, led by sweeper Lauren Pimentel '98, successfully set several offside traps, catching Choate's attackers on their heels. In the second half, the referee made a crucial offside ruling against Choate to put in their goal. Three minutes later, Choate scored again, tying the score at 2-2. During the remainder of the second half, Hillary Fitzpatrick '00 and Anne Bernard '98 played well, rendering Choate's two top goal scorers

As Anne Bernard '00 made spectacular saves throughout the



The girls' soccer team kept its championship hopes alive with a shoot-out win over Choate in the opening round of the tournament.

Photo / J. Mitchell

game, diving through the mayhem of Choate's offense to snag the ball and even drawing compliments from the referees. Ending in a tie at regulation time, the game went to two five minute periods of overtime. Although both teams fought hard amid periodic flurries of snow, neither was able to put the ball in the back of the net and overtime ended in a tie, moving the competition on to a shootout.

Andover was first to shoot with Ashley Harmeling stepping up to the line. With her usual composure, Harmeling drove the ball past the Choate goalie and into the upper right corner. After Ashley's shot, Andover's stellar young goalie, Anne Bernard '00 faced Choate's first penalty shooter. Intimidated by Bernard's awesome presence, the Choate shooter choked, sending the ball wide of the

goal. Next up to shoot for Andover was Cassie James '00. Faking a kick to the right, James sent a powerful ball to the opposite corner. Choate's second shooter also cracked under the pressure, lofting the ball over the crossbar. With practiced finesse, Captain Heather Gotha perfectly placed the Big Blue's next shot in the back of the net. Choate's third shooter scored on a well-placed shot to the lower right hand corner.

Andover's last shooter, Whitney Grace, sealed the Big Blue's victory, with a powerful shot to the lower left hand corner. The team was ecstatic, celebrating the win with their traditional pile-up. Women's National Team style. Marisa Manheim summed up the Big Blue's victory well, commenting that Choate was "a challenging opponent, but, when it

came down to crunch time, they just couldn't cut it."

This win launches Andover into the semi-final game this Saturday when they will play against long-time rival Milton Academy, ranked number one, at Milton's home field. "We are ready to take them on," exclaimed Whitney Grace after hearing that the team would play Milton. "I think that Milton will be surprised to face a strong and healthy Andover squad. We are looking to knock them out of the tournament just like we did last year."

Also looking ahead to Saturday, captain Heather Gotha said that "our win against Choate gives us a lot of momentum for our game against Milton" and urges all able-bodied Andover students to come and support the team this weekend.

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Milton Ends Tourney Run

by Noah Kaye

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Milton 4
Andover 1

The girls' soccer team feared that it might not

make the tournament; it feared that this game might not be played because of snow. And the girls feared Milton, the tournament's top seed. Unfortunately, though the first two fears were groundless, the girls had every reason to fear the potent Milton squad, which boasted a diverse and dangerous attack and a stellar defense. Playing timidly and below their season level, the girls fell in a game that was never close, 4-1.

Tabor was the site of Andover's New England Tournament semifinal match Saturday, after snow covered Milton's home field where the match had been scheduled. The field was somewhat small, a bit uneven, and damp. Fortunately, the match was played without the nuisance of rain.

The highly-touted Milton team was composed of girls who had played together since their youth, none of whom could be called a weak link. Led by one of the most dominant midfielders in the ISL, Milton was strong at every position. All of the Andover girls knew this, and each individual knew that it would take her best performance for the team to win.

Andover was determined to control the game's tempo quickly. Charlene Caputo '99, in the 12th minute, split her defender and, by cutting a ball back into a waiting Cassie James '00 set up an angling shot. James's deadly finish had the Andover girls excited about winning. Despite the girls' riveting beginning, they began to show timidity, and they seemed to back off, waiting for halftime.

"We played not to lose," said Captain Heather Gotha '98. What Gotha observed was the factor that enabled Milton to tie the game with just 30 seconds left in the half. A Milton player beat goalie Anne Bernard '00 near-post from an extremely unusual angle, just a few feet from the end-line, chip-

ping the ball into the top corner as Bernard scooted over too late.

Play moved much the same in the second half as it had in the first half, with Milton controlling play and pressuring the Andover defense intensely. Andover was still noticeably unsettled and timid, but it had its chances on counter-attacks only to diffuse much of the work it had done by failing to win the 50/50 balls every team needs.

The Andover forwards couldn't hold the ball up, and as a result the fatigued defense had trouble with Milton, continually being forced to clear the ball under a heavy attack. Anne Bernard '00, to her credit, made some great saves in the slippery conditions, but the wet ball and grass were bound to have an effect on a goalie who is fired upon from all directions. Bernard was able to make some great saves, though some easier balls, surprisingly, eluded her. That was the case when Milton took the lead with a goal scored off of a hard shot which bounced first off of Bernard's hands.

Intensifying its offensive efforts, PA couldn't muster an equalizing goal. The defense became exhausted and its marking lax. Late in the second half, an unmarked Milton player received the ball at the 18 yard-line with plenty of room to fire a shot which skidded to the far post.

After Milton's third goal, Jocelyn Isenberg '98 was pulled from sweeper and put up front to generate some offense. But even then PA couldn't break through, and Milton put an exclamation point on its victory when, with time winding down, the same girl who had scored the third goal was left unmarked again and fought her way through the Andover defense from just ten yards out. Her shot from point-blank range finished off the Andover girls and their season.

The PA girls worked admirably throughout the season. They were young and were plagued by injury, though they were aided by four-year seniors Gotha and Avra Ackerman. Their run to the New England semifinals was impressive, and a direct result of excellent coaching and the perseverance of the team's members.

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Milton Tops Girls' Soccer in Tournament

by Zach Tripp

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Nothing could be grimmer for the Blue than a rocky 0-4 start to what was slated as the season that the girls' soccer team would win the New England Championship. Super-star sweeper and co-captain Alicia

Dermody '98 and midfielder Avra Ackerman '98 were seeking to finish strong PA careers on Graves field, but both were felled by injuries in the first days of the season with Dermody's ending her season. Even for a team with such depth, it was clear that those losses would hurt for the rest of the season. So when the first four games slipped by the team, even coach Lisa Pimentel must have been shaking her head. However, character would overcome the drought. Showing the proverbial "Phillips Academy spunk," the girls came roaring back. "Consider our early defeats bad luck," says co-captain Heather Gotha '98, "We battled back."

That "battle" proved to be a full-time job for the rest of the year. Under the strong play and leadership of Gotha in the striker and midfielder positions, the team rallied. Some Andover winning streaks are magnificent, but to watch a team pull itself from being the punching-bag of the league to a serious contender in the New England Preparatory Tournament is the stuff of nostalgia. After the poor start, the girls would only lose one more game during the season.

The team recorded win after win in grand style, and the girls were at the top of their game. Forward Ashley Harmeling '00 agrees: "Wins like that just feel good." Indeed, the girls must have been feeling pretty good when they knocked off Choate in an overtime thriller to advance to the semi-finals of the tournament. While recalling the win, Gotha cannot help but chuckle. "The win was big. They were seeded above us, they had beaten us before, and they were a little too cocky." Sadly, the challenge of the semi-final match against Milton proved insurmountable for the girls, and they had to pack up the bus and return beaten.

However, all the girls felt successful despite empty hands, and the general feeling was positive. Still, the PA community must shake its heads and sigh a collective "What if?" For what it is worth Dermody would have been welcomed back at sweeper, the dynamic play of Jocelyn Isenberg '98 would have filled the stopper position, and the speed of Ackerman would have covered center half back. Gotha would be relieved of her midfield and could once again use her tremendous speed and

skill to pile up the goals up front. Veterans would not be taxed on the field, and the play of seniors Heather Smith, Amelia Stoj, Megan Burke, Whitney Grace, and Marisa Manheim could be even more effective. Dermody laments the bad hand she was dealt because of the potential solidity that was destroyed by a cruel ACL injury. "If we were at full strength, that is to say if Avra and I were healthy, we would have had the best midfield in the division. We would have been unstoppable." But how much more could Andover have honestly asked for? A comeback similar to the one that our girls provided us with this year was exciting to the last game, and New England champions or not, we all know that this year's squad represented Andover as well as they possibly could.

No one could criticize the players or the play, and even though the record may say differently, this team really might have been PA's best. Spirit and determination are just as important as wins and losses, and it takes a strong group to persevere in the face of terrible odds. Even though Gotha and Dermody are both kicking themselves for what could have been,

they both realize how special this year's team was. Additionally, the Blue captured the "big one" against Exeter this fall to cap off the regular season and to add to the four-to-one tally of winning teams for Andover. Games were intense, the sport was fun, and the team came together (which is no easy task itself). Overall, the team is worthy of the title of champions whether the trophy is resting in a case at Borden Gym or not.

Better still, this season is just the tip of the iceberg. Returnees will again make up the bulk of the Andover team and the word is that PGs may supplement an already strong roster. High praise of the future group comes from the Alicia herself, as it is clear that "They will be very good." So look out for another year of grade-A play and perhaps that elusive New England Championship. Now, as we at The Phillipian close the books on another year of Andover athletics, we would just like to thank the senior soccer women who dedicated their fall to win for us. We wish the best of luck to all of them, and we salute their years of effort on our behalf.



Heather Gotha '98 started on the soccer team for four years.

Photo / J. Mitchell

Heather Gotha '98

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by Noah Kaye

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Normally, playing three varsity sports during an Andover athletic career is considered an impressive feat. Playing four, is virtually unheard of. But that is the type of athlete Heather Gotha '98 has been. Though excelling in hockey, softball, and lacrosse, it is as part of a great Andover Soccer tradition that Heather has made her mark.

What makes Gotha such an exceptional Andover athlete is not just that she has been a great player in so many sports, but that she was immediately an impact player in soccer, hockey, and softball. The addition of lacrosse to her athletic repertoire as a lower, and her instant rise to stardom, both serve as indications that the incredible athletic prowess which she brought with her to Andover makes her a very unique girl.

Raised in the soccer hotbed of Southern California, Heather quickly took after her older brother, stepping on the soccer field as a mere toddler. A natural athlete, Heather progressed as a soccer player at an incredible rate by playing year-round thanks to the coastal climate of her area. By the fifth grade, Heather was playing club soccer for Santa Anita Soccer Club, having already captured the American Youth Soccer Organization State Cup with her previous team and the first ever Surf Cup, a prestigious tournament in Southern California.

By training with boys teams while still maintaining her association with her own girls' squads, Heather made her largest strides as a soccer player. Her athletic ability was tested to the fullest extent when playing with boys—for the first time in her life—and this preparation

proved valuable as she approached a higher, more physical level of soccer in high school.

Once again following in her brother's footsteps, Heather chose to attend Andover, and consequently chose to pursue not only soccer, but her other sports. "I wanted to come to Andover because my brother had loved it and the choice before me was to get to play hockey, softball, and soccer or stay at home and just play soccer year-round," said Gotha.

For most athletes, intensely committed to one sport, coming to Andover deters them from lofty goals of improvement, but Heather accepted the sacrifice that was involved in coming to a great institution and compensated by training vigorously every summer to prepare her self for NCAA Division I Soccer.

"I think that Heather came to the team with great skills as a freshman and aspirations of being a Division I athlete," said Coach Karen Kennedy, Gotha's soccer coach for her first three Andover seasons, "I saw Heather's physical presence and fitness improve every year she came back. She was faster, stronger and could endure more."

This will improve and ability to play soccer at a high

level earned Gotha a starting spot at left-midfield her freshman year, unfazed by a new level of soccer and undeterred by the threat of larger, older players. She was part of a young team that year that included classmates Megan Burke and Whitney Grace. Though the year was thought of as a rebuilding one for the Andover program, the girls earned a playoff birth only to lose to NMH in the quarterfinals. But Gotha had made her presence felt with three goals and four assists from her outside-mid position.

A senior-laden team vied for the New England Championship Gotha's lower year, and she along with Abbie Harris and Jaime Smith made up an extremely strong midfield. Not particularly adept at scoring that year, Gotha was able to create some opportunities for her team, though over all not distributing the ball very well. It was one of her few flaws as a soccer player and one she fixed.



Heather Gotha has made an excellent transition to midfielder this season.

Photo / J. Mitchell

"Our development with her was to help her make better choices—making things connect," said Coach Kennedy.

The coaching paid off as Gotha assisted the only goal in a thrilling 1-0 Exeter victory.

As an upper, Gotha moved to the center of the midfield, a role well-suited to her outstanding ball skills and play-making ability. Often connecting with Courtney Strong for goals, Gotha steered her team to the New England Tournament's semifinals where the girls fell to Deerfield.

"Things were finally coming together for me with Andover Soccer."

With her final Andover soccer team, Heather Gotha felt it was finally time for her to win a New England Cham-

pionship.

Co-captain Alica Dermody '98 would anchor a tough defense that included seniors Jocelyn Isenberg and Megan Burke along with talented lower Hillary Fitzpatrick. Emily Tomkins '99 and Avra Ackerman '98 would be part of the Gotha-directed midfield, and just maybe, after three trips to the tournament, Gotha would be part of a team that won it all. But unexpected injuries to Dermody and Ackerman dimmed the team's hopes, before young players stepped their play up to earn a tournament berth.

"I feel like its finally my time. I just want to win a New England championship," said Gotha before helping her team's cause with a goal and winning penalty shot in the tournament's quarterfinals.

"I think she is a courageous player; Courageous enough to be herself on the field," said Coach Kennedy.

It seems that Heather has now fully realized her capabilities as a leader. While already a leader by example and an intense worker in practice, she complements her unique natural athletic ability by making it her ultimate goal to win the New England Championships with this year's team.



Heather Gotha '98

by Noah Kaye

PHILIPPINE COMMENTARY EDITOR

Heather Gotha. This is a girl who in four years at Phillips has earned twelve varsity letters in four sports.

Heather Gotha. This is a girl who has never spent her Wednesday afternoons in anything but a blue jersey, never known the bench, never failed to improve.

Heather Gotha. This is an athlete.

Normally, playing three varsity sports during an Andover athletic career is considered an impressive feat. Playing four, is virtually unheard of. But that is the type of athlete Heather Gotha '98 has been for the last four years. Though a freshman letterman, contributor, and even standout in hockey and softball, it has been as part of a great Andover soccer tradition and Andover girls' lacrosse dynasty that Heather will be remembered in the school record books and in the hearts of the coaches and teammates who shared her passion for athletics and fiery, competitive spirit.

This past year, Heather completed her lengthy tour of duty as a versatile and accomplished Andover athlete. Though Gotha-led teams failed to capture that elusive New England Soccer Championship she had hoped for, to repeat as A.I.S.G.A. lacrosse champs, and to have a winning hockey season, it was a satisfying final year nonetheless.

Heather was not only named *Boston Globe* Prep-Private League Player of the Year in both soccer and lacrosse, but she capped her Andover athletic career with a dramatic five-goal performance against Exeter in a resounding thumping under the lights.

So that was that; the culmination of fourteen years of soccer, six years apiece of hockey and softball, and a mere three years of lacrosse; the end of an astounding high school athletic

career and a springboard to college athletics.

Fourteen years ago, Heather stepped on to the soccer field, a mere toddler following in the footsteps of her brother. She was raised in the soccer hotbed of Southern California, and because of the coastal climate, she played year round. A natural athlete and a precocious soccer player, by the fifth grade Heather was playing club soccer for the Santa Anita Soccer Club, having already captured the American Youth Soccer Organization State Cup with her previous team and the first ever Surf Cup, a prestigious tournament in Southern California.

By training with boys teams while still maintaining her association with girls' squad's, Heather made her largest strides as a soccer player. Finally, someone tested her athletic ability to its fullest extent. This preparation proved valuable as she approached a more strenuous and physical level of soccer in high school.

"I think that Heather came to the team came to the team with great skills as a freshman and aspirations of being a Division I athlete," said Karen Kennedy, Heather's soccer coach in her first three Andover seasons. "I saw Heather's physical presence and fitness improve every year she came back. She was faster, stronger and could endure more."

Even as a lower, Heather made her presence felt on the soccer field, assisting the only goal in a thrilling 1-0 Exeter victory. But something was terribly wrong. Heather wasn't distributing the ball well, and she wasn't yet the team leader that she would become. "Our development with her was to help her make better choices—make things connect," said coach Kennedy. "Coach Kennedy prepared me to be leader."

Coach Kennedy wasn't with the team this year. Her replacement, Lisa Pimentel, allowed Heather the freedom to direct the team with her natural skill and the leadership ability instilled in her by Coach Kennedy.

"I feel like it's finally my time. I just want to win a New England Championship," said Heather before helping her team's cause with a goal and a winning penalty shot in the tournament's quarterfinals. Ending Heather's dream, though, the girls fell to Milton, 4-1, in the quarterfinals of the New England tournament.

In California, hockey was a game for boys, but Heather wanted to play it and she wanted to play it better. Heather played on the first California state girls hockey team with future U.S. national team defender Angela Ruggiero.

"Hockey was very important to me before I came to Andover, I just wasn't as good as I was in other sports."

As a lower, Heather finished off what she called a "breakthrough year" by scoring the winning goal against Exeter in the game's final minutes. Aside from that spectacular moment, one of Heather's most lasting contributions to Andover athletics lore, and Martha Fenton's instruction, Andover Hockey and Heather Gotha weren't such a perfect match.

Though Heather scored 49 points her upper season, she was placed on to the shaky second line her senior season to strengthen it, to solve the team's

disinclined losing ways. "Those losses were tough to take, I lost my winning edge. But I think the terrible hockey season made me come out with more intensity in lacrosse."

Lacrosse, a sport which requires suited Heather well, so she took it up—as a lower, one of only two on the team. She worked hard and learned fast. So fast in fact, that she started every game her first season, and in her second season, she was an Honorable Mention All-American selection.

Thanks to coach Kathy Henderson, as accomplished a coach as there is in New England, Heather had acquired a knowledge of lacrosse to match the skills she had picked up and her natural athleticism. That summer, she played on the New England I Regional team, a select team of blue-chip recruits, at the national tournament.

This season, Heather scored 59 points, surpassing Mary Barenfield '97 for second on the all-time scoring list. "I definitely wanted to break the scoring record my senior year, but more importantly I wanted to continue the tradition, I didn't want to be one of the seniors who dropped the A.I.S.G.A."

In the tournament's final, Heather was double-teamed incessantly. With this successful defensive strategy, Tabor marked her out of the game. Heather scored one lone goal as Andover struggled to win draws in the heat, and Tabor, a loser to P.A. earlier in the season, took the championship away. "The tournament was a disappointment, but the season as a whole was still satisfying. There were a lot of great wins."

All-American honors seem imminent, while the *Boston Globe* has already honored her.

Heather plans to play both lacrosse and soccer at Harvard next year. While catching on with a perennial top ten, Division I soccer team will be challenging, Ivy League lacrosse players won't rest easy—watch out—she may be an impact player as a freshman on a mediocre Crimson team.

"Looking back, I couldn't be happier with my Andover athletic career," said Gotha. "Coach Kennedy gave me maturity, Coach Fenton gave me the instruction I needed as a hockey player, and Coach Henderson took a chance on me as a lower, when I'd never played before and started me. I owe her all the thanks in the world for molding me into the lacrosse player that I am now."

With out a doubt, Heather has become the most amazing female athlete at this school. Perhaps too good for her own good. It just isn't normal for someone to be such a standout, to stand out so much on the field. But Heather has handled success and admiration well. She accomplished a more incredible feat than twelve varsity letters—she overpowered competition and still maintained normal relationships with her teams, even when she singlehandedly led them to victory. A team member, she never subverted her individual flair for sport, her own style.

"She is a courageous player," said Coach Kennedy, "Courageous enough to be herself on the field."

An Athletic Reflection from Heather Gotha

fatigue and too absorbed in match to notice.

I walked up to the penalty area somewhat slowly, trying to appear confident and calm. I leaned over and grasped the ball — it was the same type that I had seen and used at every practice for the last two and one half months. I held it between my hands for a few seconds, rotating it, trying to feel every inch, every contour. I don't know why I did this. Perhaps I was trying to draw out this "dramatic" moment and savor it, but most likely, I was trying to focus my mind on something other than the thoughts that, despite my efforts, refused to leave — this could be my last game ever in an Andover soccer uniform. . . and this could be the last shot of my Andover soccer career; a career that has spanned four years.

As I neared the penalty spot, still with the ball in my hands, these thoughts began to race wildly through my mind, and yet my exterior — my body, my face, my voice — never faltered. Physically, I was exhausted; my limbs ached with the dull pain that overcomes your body after a long game. The weather, from the haggard looks frozen on the faces of the fans, was relentless. It may have snowed late in the second half, but I was already too numb with cold and

Yet walking up to take that shot, I felt relatively nothing. The wind smacked, my already "rosy" cheeks and easily pierced through the thin material of my soccer jersey — but still I felt nothing. Every sense I possessed was focused on the ball and on making the shot. At that moment in time, I wanted nothing else than to win the game. I didn't want my last season to end in a shootout, and I most certainly didn't want to contribute to the loss by missing a shot that I knew I should make.

I knew that if I missed, it would not be due to a great save by Choate's goalkeeper. The blame for my miss would rest largely with myself; I could place these shots in the back of the net so easily in practice — when it didn't matter. But now, the season was on the line; this was for real. There could be no mistakes because there were no second chances. Above all else, I didn't want to let my team down, a team that had begun the season 0-4 and had battled its way through several injuries to key players (including my co-captain) to a berth in the New England Tournament. I *wanted* this win, for myself and for my teammates.

I wish I could say that before I

took this shot I had some majestic flashback of memories, some inspiring "four years gone by" vision that pushed me to take the shot, that lifted my confidence and gave me that edge to succeed. In truth, actual shot itself was a blur . . . but the moments preceding the shot and the moments immediately following are clear. These moments are the reason why I love athletics.

In all my years on the athletic fields, the shoot-out win over Choate with the 1997 soccer team was probably the most memorable. As I look back on my athletic experience here, it is the single victory that I look back upon with the greatest fondness and pride. For a moment after that win, we, as a team, as a unit, were invincible and inseparable.

We had accomplished something that nobody but ourselves and our coaches and our dedicated fans (parents) thought possible. To attempt to describe the moment with words does not do it justice. It was simply an unforgettable moment, perhaps even a "had to be there" moment. Yet it is also I moment that I believe every athlete, if he/she is lucky, will experience. I have never felt a greater sense of togetherness. As I walked off the field with my team that day, I realized that

it is the "team" victories that bring the greatest satisfaction. An impressive individual performance is undoubtedly satisfying and equally deserving of praise, yet it is not complete, because it cannot be shared.

I can still remember our head-first, 21 person pile-up, "women's national team style," that we would do after every win during soccer season. When we scored the final shoot-out goal against Choate and sealed our unexpected, upset-victory, I sprinted to the center of the field and dove, head first, onto the freezing ground. Within seconds, I was surrounded by every one of my teammates. We heard nothing but own cheers, screaming, and laughter. I didn't know it at the time, but this "pile-up" would be our last, as we would fall to a strong Milton team in the semi-finals. I looked at the faces at each of my teammates and, in that moment, felt such an intense connection with each of them. The win wasn't mine or anyone else's. It was *ours*, a goal achieved together. And we all lay there, somewhere in Connecticut, in the middle of a field marked by potholes and random clumps of grass. In freezing cold weather, we piled together wearing practically nothing, and savored our victory.

SPORT: VOLLEYBALL (GIRLS)
YEAR: 1997-98

CAPTAIN: Margaret Cantrell
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER: *Kristen Sullivan & Jessica Smith*
HOME ADDRESS: *7 Woodland Way 43 Vest Way*
Haverhill MA 01830 No. Andover MA 01845

COACH: Kathy Henderson

ASSISTANT COACHES: *M. Henderson M. Edwards*

SEASON RECORD

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Letter Winners
Calderon, Diana C.
Campbell, Andrea H.
Cantrell, Margaret M. (c)
Chitani, Yuko
Coffey, Claire M.
Ferraro, Clare F.
Kelley, Kate M.
Lee, Seung Hee
Papanek, Julie A.
Richardson, Christina T.
Galva, Nicole D.
Schellenberg, Kathryn E.
~~Smith, Jessica E.~~
Sullivan, Kristen M.
Sullivan, Melissa A.
Welsch, Lia J.

SQUAD STATISTICS

NAME AND HOME ADDRESS	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	CLASS	POSITION
Diana Calderon			00	
Andrea Campbell			99	
Margaret Cantrell			98	
Yuko Chitani			99	
Claire Coffey			99	
Kate Kelly			98	
Seung Hee Lee			98	
Julie Paparek			01	
Christina Richardson Richardson			98	
Nicole Salva			00	
Kathryn Schellenberg			01	
Melissa Sullivan			98	
Lia Welsch			98	

DATE OF CONTEST: Oct. 1, 1997

OPPONENT: North Reading High

WHERE PLAYED: Andover (home)

RESULT: Andover won

Volleyball at .500

By Mona Desai and Christina Richardson

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS



VOLLEYBALL

The varsity volleyball team has demonstrated promise this year, led by Captain Margaret Cantrell '98 and returning players Kate Kelley '98, Christina Richardson '98, Clare Ferraro '98, Grace Lee '98, Yuko Chitani '99, and Andrea Campbell '99. Newcomers Lia Welsch '98, Melissa Sullivan '98, Claire Coffey '99, Diana Calderon '00, Niki Salva '00 and juniors Katie Schellenberg and Julie Papanek round out this year's roster.

The Big Blue faces a rigorous schedule this season, having already played three scrimmages and four games. Despite a five-game win against St. Paul's in early September, the team couldn't pull it together for its matches against North Quincy High School and Loomis-Chaffee, losing 0-3 and 2-3. Unfortunately,

Chitani's strong hits and bumps and Schellenberg's team spirit weren't enough to get past the skillful play of the Blue's opponents.

Frustrated after the heartbreaking loss to Loomis on Saturday, the team was mentally focused and physically prepared coming into Wednesday's match against North Reading High School. Andover dominated early, winning the first two games 15-6 and 15-4. The games were powered by numerous spikes from middle hitter Kate Kelley and right-side hitter Andrea Campbell. Claire Coffey was reported to have said from the sidelines, "We've got so many kills we need a lawyer!" Margaret Cantrell dominated service with nine straight points in the second game, including two aces. However, the Big Blue faltered in the third game, losing 6-15. Clare Ferraro was on fire in the fourth game, setting the team up for a 15-8 win. With their 3-1 win, the women in blue improved their record to 2-2. This Saturday the team faces a tough Greater Lawrence Vocational squad, 2:00 at home.

DATE OF CONTEST: Oct. 4, 1997

OPPONENT: Lawrence Tech

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULT: " $\frac{A}{Game\ 1} vs. \frac{L}{15 - 1}$

Game 2 15 - 7

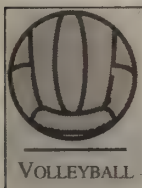
Game 3 15 - 13

Girls' Surpass Expectations With Sensational 2-0 Week

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Andover	3
Lawrence Voc.	0

Andover	3
Cushing	0



With two convincing victories over Lawrence Vocational High School and Cushing Academy, the volleyball team raised its record to 4-2 this week. Andover's recent success has raised hopes for a comeback season after last year's disappointing performance.

Lawrence Vocational High

After a four-game win over North Reading High School last Wednesday, the girls' varsity volleyball team entered Saturday's matchup against Lawrence Vocational High School looking to top the .500 mark for the first time this season. The spirited and confident

squad jumped out to a 10-0 lead in the first game, led by the strong service of Clare Ferraro '98 and Julie Papanek '01. The front line of outside hitters, Yuko Chitani '99 and Andrea Campbell '99, and middle hitter Kate Kelley '98 dominated the game with powerful spikes, kills, and excellent blocking. Captain Margaret Cantrell '98 ended the game with an ace to win 15-2.

Despite being overpowered in the first game, Lawrence stayed competitive for most of the second game. Down 4-10, Lawrence won three straight service points to cut Andover's lead to three, until Kate Kelley came up with a kill for a sideout. Campbell closed out the game with five points from service, to win 15-7.

Miscommunication by PA early in the third game, along with strong back row play by Lawrence, resulted in a 10-5 Lawrence lead. Andover's front line of Christina Richardson '98, Claire Coffey '99, and Lia Welsch '98 blocked well, helping Niki Salva '00 earn five straight points on serve to tie the game at 10. A strong effort by Lawrence towards the end of the game tied the score at 13, until Melissa Sullivan '98 won two points on serve to end the match at 15-13. Richardson and Sullivan

proved to be tough competition for the other team, bumping to the setter in perfect harmony. Captain Cantrell commented on the team's efforts in the third game: "In the past few games, we have fallen behind in the third game and lost, but this time we came together as a team to come back and win. We kept our confidence, and many players stepped up. There has been such an improvement in our play." The three-game win (15-2, 15-7, 15-13) improved the Big Blue's record to 3-2.

DATE OF CONTEST: Oct. 8, 1997

OPPONENT: Cushing Academy

WHERE PLAYED: Cushing

RESULT:

	A	vs.	C
Game 1 -	15	-	1
Game 2 -	15	-	12
Game 3 -	15	-	13

Cushing

The Andover women, riding the crest of a three game winning streak, entered their game on Wednesday with high expectations. Powered by focused practices and high spirits, the team felt prepared for an intense match. Expectations were met, and Andover fought Cushing with great unity, winning in three games.

The Big Blue came away with an easy win in the first game, racking up point after point, and finally ending with a score of 15-3. Cushing looked unorganized, scoring only when Andover's front row hitters couldn't get the ball over the net. The Purple Knights' wimpy dinks and misplaced tips were no match for Andover's forceful play.

Characteristically losing concentration towards the middle of the match, Andover faltered in the second game. The Blue had many turnovers before they could pull themselves back together for a 15-12 win. Julie Papanek's '01 powerful serving scored the three key points that gave Andover the lead. Stepping up her game with strong right side hits, Andrea Campbell '99 was an essential element in the team's comeback.

Despite bad calls by the referee and several short but effective serves by Cushing, the Blue came out on top in the third. Diana Calderon '00 helped close the match, reaching for difficult bumps, successfully sending them to the setter. With the aid of spirited cheering from the bench, the team was able to leave Cushing with a close victory, finishing the game with a score of 15-13.

The women look forward to some team bonding at the orchards this weekend, and will hopefully continue their winning streak for the rest of the season.

DATE OF CONTEST: Oct. 15, 1997

OPPONENT: Exeter (P.E.A.)

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULT:

	<u>A</u>	VS.	<u>E</u>
Game 1	15	-	8
Game 2	15	-	3
Game 3	4	-	15
Game 4	8	-	15
Game 5	15	-	12



Andover returns an Exeter volley in one of the most exciting Volleyball matches of the year

Photo / J. Mitchell

Volleyball Continues 1997 Campaign with a Thrilling

By Mona Desai and Christina Richardson
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS



After a restful weekend, the volleyball team beat Exeter at home on Wednesday. After four straight wins, Andover faced the pressure of continuing their winning streak against its arch-rival, the Griffins. Looking to avoid last year's mid-season breakdown, the Big Blue attempted to move its record along to a good 5-2.

Starting strong, Andover jumped to a 6-0 lead. Despite sloppy playing by both teams, Diana Calderon '00 had several good spikes and bumps to keep the Blue in the lead. Exeter fought to close the gap with strong service that included three aces. However, Andover pulled away to win 15-8 behind three straight service points from Clare Ferraro '98.

Ferraro led the team, serving seven straight points in the second game, giving PA a 7-0 lead. Exeter tried to terminate Ferraro's momentum by calling a time-out during her serving streak. The Exeter coach's tactics were unsuccessful as Ferraro continued to frustrate the Griffend. Good tips and bumps by Katie Schellenberg '01 helped Andover capitalize on Exeter's numerous mistakes, resulting in a final score of 15-3.

The Blue fell apart in the third game as miscommunication reigned. Andover's front row, although usually reliable, couldn't seem to keep the ball

in the court, misplacing numerous hits. The starters, playing in their third straight game without rest, looked tired and unfocused. Although Andrea Campbell '99 and Calderon continued to play up to their full potential, PA suffered a 15-4 loss.

With the help of substitutions, Andover came into the fourth game with more energy. Exeter looked awake for the first time since leaving the bus, as their front line repeatedly blocked promising spike attempts by Kate Kelley '98. Unfortunately, Exeter prevailed. With the score 6-8 in Exeter's favor, Captain Margaret Cantrell '98 hustled to save a ball, but sprained her ankle in the attempt, and was forced to leave the game. Andover fell to Exeter in the fourth game by a score of 8-15.

The fifth game, played to break a 2-2 game tie, was scored according to the rally point system. Andover, hesitant after losing their two game lead, allowed Exeter to take a 7-4 lead. Ferraro, fighting to put up unseetable balls, helped get the Big Blue back on track, tying the game at 7-7. The crowd was enthusiastic and the team was psyched up, feeling more confident behind the leadership of Ferraro. Melissa Sullivan '98 won six straight points, serving and bumping well, to hold service on Andover's side of the net. Kate Kelley '98 closed out the game with crucial tips and kills, giving PA a 15-12 win. After an emotional win against Exeter, the Andover girls look forward to Saturday's home game against NMH.

DATE OF CONTEST: Oct. 18, 1997

OPPONENT: NMH

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULT: A vs. NMH

Game 1 15 - 13

Game 2 15 - 11

Game 3 15 - 8

Girls' Volleyball Extends Winning Streak to Five

By Mona Desai and Christina Richardson
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover	3
NMH	0

Andover	3
Cushing	1

The girls' volleyball team continued its winning streak this week, triumphing over

Northfield-Mount Herman on Saturday and Cushing Academy on Wednesday. Powered by its recent wins, the team's record now stands at 7-2.

NMH

An enthusiastic crowd gathered at the gym this Parents' Weekend for the Big Blue's match-up against NMH, the reigning league champions. The Big Blue challenged NMH early in the game, and Andover players soon surpassed the Northfield girls in playing ability. Although points were long and intense, Andover came away with a win in only three games.

NMH challenged the Blue at the start of the first game, breaking ahead with a 7-2 lead. However, after repeated misplaced hitting by the Blue, Coach Henderson called a time-out, and the team quickly regained its composure. After the time-out, Andover stormed back, eventually winning the game 15-13.

In the second game, Andover again had difficulty in pulling ahead. Once again, the Blue called a time-out in order to regain focus and enthusiasm. The time-out worked, and the team's effort and aggressiveness returned, leading to a tie of 5-5. Campbell and Kate Kelley '98 worked together in spiking, blocking and positioning to stake the team to a 14-9 lead. After failing to score that final point for numerous side-outs, the Big Blue finally managed to close the game at 15-11.

The Big Blue began the third game well and earned a 7-3 lead. Despite dominant service by Andover, including aces by Chitani, Cantrell,

and Calderon, NMH was able to cut Andover's lead to one. Campbell led Andover back, culminating an overall strong game for her with six straight points on serve to win the game 15-8.

DATE OF CONTEST: Oct. 22

OPPONENT: Cushing Academy

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULT:

	<u>A</u>	vs.	<u>C</u>
Game 1	15	-	3
Game 2	15	-	9
Game 3	12	-	15
Game 4	16	-	14

Cushing

On Wednesday, the volleyball team faced Cushing for the second time this year, having already beaten them at Cushing earlier in the season. Andover held the lead early at 6-2. After a Cushing time-out, Andover won one more point before the Blue put together a 9-0 run behind good blocking and spiking by Diana Calderon and Kate Kelley and strong service by Chitani and Grace Lee '98. The Andover girls' were too much for Cushing, cruising to a 15-3 win in the first game.

Andover continued its dominance over Cushing in the second game with a quick 7-0 lead. However, Cushing capitalized on the Blue's errors to come within two points. Melissa Sullivan '98 helped Andover extend its lead with well-placed tips and spikes. PA won the game 15-9 after fighting off late efforts by Cushing.

Down by two games, Cushing began the third game more aggressively, earning a 6-2 lead. Andover was able to tie the game at twelve behind the strong service of Cantrell and Calderon. Despite good late-game efforts by Andrea Campbell and Calderon, PA couldn't regain the lead and lost the game 13-15.

The team seemed unfocused and apprehensive coming into the fourth game. Misplaced hits and a lack of communication on the court led to a 13-6 lead for Cushing, and a PA time-out. Calderon won five points on serve to tie the game at 13-13. Cushing had a chance to win the match as they served with a 14-13 lead, but PA was able to get the ball back. Ferraro served the last three points of the match for a 16-14 win.

The volleyball team will travel to Deerfield this Saturday in an attempt to improve to 8-2.

DATE OF CONTEST: Oct. 25, 1997

OPPONENT: Deerfield

WHERE PLAYED: Deerfield

RESULT: ~~Game~~ A vs. D
Game 1 - 15

Game 2 15 -

Game 3 - 15

Game 4 15 - ~~15~~

Game 5 15 -

Volleyball Extends Winning Streak With Victories Over Deerfield and Saint Paul's

By Mona Desai and Christina Richardson
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover 3
Deerfield 2

Andover 3
St. Paul's 1

The Andover Volleyball team didn't stop its winning ways this week, taking down Deer-

field on Saturday and St. Paul's on Wednesday. With a record of 9-2, the Big Blue is primed for a run at the Prep League Championship.

Deerfield

Despite a slow start, the Deerfield match proved to be a heated competition between two evenly matched teams. After losing the first game as a result of what Lia Welsch '98 called "bus lag," two Andover seniors stepped up to lead the team to a 15-4 victory.

Kate Kelley '98 was phenomenal at the net, overpowering the opposing team with strategically placed hits and well-closed blocks. Kelley's aggressive bumps to the setter kept the team's spirits high after sloppy bumping in the first game.

Also contributing to the team's momentum was Margaret Cantrell '98, exemplifying the team's concentration for an eight point serving streak. In the third game, Andover lost focus when Deerfield's setter caused confusion by surprising the team with well-placed tips and dumps on second balls.

The Big Blue, defenseless against Deerfield's change in strategy, lost the third game 4-15. Characteristically, Andover was able to come back from behind to win the fourth and fifth games 15-5 and 15-10.

DATE OF CONTEST: Oct. 29, 1997

OPPONENT: St. Paul's

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULT: A vs St. P

Game 1	15	-	13
Game 2	16	-	14
Game 3	7	-	15
Game 4	16	-	14

St. Paul's

St. Paul's proved to be another challenging match-up, but the Big Blue mustered up the strength for a 3-1 win. St. Paul's held a 6-3 lead early in the first game. However, Katie Schellenberg '01 and Diana Calderon '00 dominated the front row towards the middle of the game to tie the score at 7-7. They helped Andover in numerous sideout situations, powering the team to a 15-13 win. Melissa Sullivan '98, whose determination and

heads-up playing were key elements in the Big Blue's 11-4 lead, was a virtual powerhouse in the second game. Sullivan's variation of play in the front and back rows perplexed the St. Paul's squad. St. Paul's came back behind strong front line play and serving, battling the Blue for the win. Their efforts

failed and Andover took the game with an ace by Andrea Campbell '99 to win 16-14.

St. Paul's completely dominated the third game, jumping out to a 14-5 lead. Their setter, putting the ball up a long way from the net, made it impossible for Andover's front line to block or anticipate St. Paul's hits. Phillips attempted to fight back, but was unsuccessful, losing 7-15.

The fourth game was a close fight, despite an early Andover lead. Sideouts were crucial down the stretch, but Kelley came through for PA with many kills, regaining the ball for her team. The last four points called for a team effort, and together the Andover girls racked up another win.

The team encounters a tough schedule next week, with three straight away games before the tournament next Sunday. Seniors, saddened after their last home game, look forward to the upcoming Andover-Exeter festivities.

DATE OF CONTEST: Nov. 1, 1997

OPPONENT: NMH

WHERE PLAYED: NMH

RESULT:

	<u>A</u>	vs.	<u>NMH</u>
Game 1	7	-	15
Game 2	6	-	15
Game 3	15	-	12
Game 4	7	-	15

Volleyballers Stumble Against NMH, But Bounce Back Against Worcester

By Mona Desai and Christina Richardson

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

NMH	3
Andover	1
Andover	3
Wster	1

The girls' volleyball team was 1-1 on the week, first losing to NMH on Saturday and then winning against Worcester Academy on Wednesday, finishing the week with a 9-3 record. The victory over Worcester clinches a first place position for the team as it heads to the upcoming New England Championships.

The girls' volleyball team was 1-1 on the week, first losing to NMH on Saturday and then

NMH

The volleyball team suffered its first loss since the first week of the season on Saturday at NMH. A tired and distracted Andover squad never came together against the Hoggens, losing in four games. After the bus trip, PA entered a crowded and noisy NMH gym where another game was being played at the same time. The lethargic team failed to communicate in the first game and lacked cohesiveness as a unit on the court. NMH dominated throughout the game, earning a 15-7 victory. The second game unfolded much as the first did. Claire Coffey '99 helped contain NMH's excellent middle hitter with good blocking, but Andover made many mistakes with overhit balls on the front row and short serves. The Blue lost the second game 6-15.

The team came alive in the third game, playing with much more intensity and energy. Coach Henderson adjusted to NMH's domination with

changes in the usual substitution patterns. Nikki Salva '00 served well, and Clare Ferraro '98 and Kate Kelley '98 led the team as both played the entire game. The two seniors showed versatility, contributing from positions they do not normally play. Kelley, a middle hitter, bumped well in the back row and served effectively, while Ferraro kept the energy high throughout the game, resulting in a 15-12 win.

However, NMH was able to shut down Andover's momentum going into the fourth game. After falling behind 0-5, Andover called a time-out to regroup, but the team seemed tired and unfocused, misplacing hits and reacting slowly. NMH served well, and its middle hitter dominated. PA was never able to come back, and lost 7-15.

DATE OF CONTEST: Nov. 5, 1997

OPPONENT: Worcester Academy

WHERE PLAYED: Worcester

RESULT:

	<u>A</u> vs. <u>W</u>
Game 1	15 - 6
Game 2	15 - 9
Game 3	15 5 - 15
Game 4	15 - 10

and mispositioned players. Used to the blocking abilities of the front row and the accurate bumping of the back row, the Big Blue had to adopt a whole new game plan when Worcester failed to spike and managed to dump all its free balls before the ten foot line.

Coach Cathy Henderson instructed Andover's front row to remain off the net. Players commonly had to abandon their base positions because of the continuous free balls hit by the opposite team. This change in play secured the first two games for the Big Blue, and Andover won 15-6 and 15-9.

In the third game Andover fell apart. The team felt frustrated with the new game tactics and disappointed in the game's level of play. Disturbances such as a Worcester girl's attempts to bump the ball over the net with her head and a fan's habit of disturbing Julie Papanek '01, Andover's strongest server, from serving into the court lent to the team's inability to focus. The Blue handed Worcester a 15-5 victory.

After a spirited talk in between games, Andover was able to regain composure for the fourth game. Winning 15-10, Andover players could only shake their heads in disappointment at the close score.

The Andover volleyball team hopes for two days of focused practice before it heads towards Exeter on Saturday and the New England Tournament on Sunday. Andover beat the Exeter team earlier in the season, but only after an intense and hard-fought match. If all goes well, players will be able to gather the concentration it will take for two victories this weekend.

Worcester

One word describes the Andover girls' playing style in their match against Worcester: sloppy. Andover's failure to play up to its potential was mainly caused by the poor ability of the Worcester team. This squad was highly inexperienced and did not manage to carry out a single bump to the setter or front row hit. The team, returning Andover's spikes with one-touch bumps, played without strategy or planned arrangements of any kind. This unordered playing technique caught the Blue off guard. Instead of trouncing the opposition and showing Worcester how a game is really played, Andover sank to the opposite team's level. Many mistakes were made by the Andover girls, including uncontrolled hits, serves into the net,

DATE OF CONTEST: Nov. 8, 1997

OPPONENT: Exeter

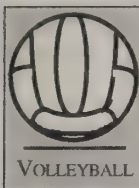
WHERE PLAYED: Exeter

RESULT:

	<u>A</u>	vs.	<u>E</u>
Game 1	18	-	16
Game 2	13	-	12
Game 3	8	-	15
Game 4	6	-	15
Game 5	10	-	15

Girls' Volleyball Rebounds from Last Year's Subpar Performance and Finishes Third in New England

by Margaret Cantrell
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



After a disappointing season last year, the 1997 girls' varsity volleyball team made a valiant comeback, ending the season with a record of 10-4 and finishing third in the New England tournament. Enduring

a slow start, the team, led by Captain Margaret Cantrell '98, stepped up to the competition and redeemed itself with a seven-game winning streak, defeating arch-rival Exeter and reigning New England Prep-school Champions, NMH in mid-season home-games. With the strong instruction of Coach Kathy Henderson and Assistant-coach Marlys Edwards, the team found strength in a powerful offensive line led by Boston Globe's honorable mention, Diana Calderon '00, and team MVP, Kate Kelley '98.

Suffering from miscommunication and unforced errors, the team seemed to start off the season shaky and unfocused; but the frustrations did not last long. With victories against North Reading High School and Lawrence Vocational High, the team gradually won confidence and pulled together to annihilate the Purple Knights of Cushing 3-0. With consistent serves from Julie Papanek '00 and powerful spikes from outside hitters Christina Richardson '98 and Yuko Chitani '99, the team's offense was stronger than ever. The defense proved effective, with the solid blocks from Lia Welsch '98 and Katie Schellenberg '01 backed by the impenetrable back-court coverage by Nikki Salva '00 and Grace Lee '98.

The highlights of the season included the victory over New England Prep Champions, NMH and the mid-season home game against arch-rival, Exeter, which turned out to be the turning point for the team's confidence. Armed

with determination after four consecutive wins, Andover entered the most exciting match of the year against the Griffins with mental focus and excellent physical conditions. Starting strong, the Blue pulled away to win the first game 15-8. Led by the consistent serving of Claire Ferraro '98, the team refused to lose its momentum, and crushed the Griffins in the second game 15-3. Despite strong hits from the right side by Andrea Campbell '99, the Blue fell apart in the third game, falling 4-15. In the fourth game, as Exeter gained confidence in its blocking the Blue started to show signs of physical fatigue, and at 6-8, the team suffered the loss of Captain Margaret Cantrell to injury. The score slipped to a disappointing 8-15 and the match entered the fifth and decisive game. With the loss of the two-game lead along with the captain, the team seemed hesitant in its offense, but behind the confident leadership of Melissa Sullivan '98 and the effective tipping and spiking from Campbell and Claire Coffey '98, the team pulled through to win the match 15-12.

Holding an extraordinary record of 10-4, the team entered the New England Prep Championships seeded first. Crushing Deerfield in the first match, the Blue matched up against NMH in the second round. After a week of tough practice and successive away games, the team succumbed to fatigue, losing in the semi-finals in New England's to place third.

After a successful season the future volleyball team will face the loss of coach Kathy Henderson who will be pursuing other interests for the coming year. However, the team looks forward to working with new head-coach, Clyfe Beckwith, and will rely on the leadership of the captain-elects, Chitani and Campbell during the period of transition. In reflecting on the 1997 season, coach Henderson commented, "we had an awesome season - a complete turnaround from the previous year; both in terms of performance and teamwork."



The girls' volleyball team thrived off of its strong front line

Photo / J. Mitchell

SPORT: BOYS' WATER POLO

YEAR: 1997-98

CAPTAIN: Piers Platt
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:
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COACH: Paul Murphy
ASSISTANT COACHES:

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Blitzer, James S.
Chen, Christopher P.
Divakaruni, Nikhilesh V
Dunn, Edward W.
Evans, Collin T.
Hellmann, Lindsey R. (M)
Krugman, Casey W.
Loh, Jeffrey T.
Martin, Geoffrey P.
Moger, Nathaniel Y.
Palmer, Matthew L.
Platt, Piers A. J. (C)
Tuchinda, Jay
Vantzelfde, Nathan H.

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BOYS' WATER POLO

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			PA	OPP
Sat., Sept. 13	Loomis	(A)	3	1
	Hopkins		9	2
Wed., Sept. 17	Exeter	(H)	5	10
	JV		5	14
Sat., Sept. 20	Deerfield	(A)	3	7
	Hotchkiss		6	3
Wed., Sept. 24	St. John's (scrimm.)	(H)	no score	
Sat., Oct. 4	Choate	(H)	6	4
	NMH		20	13
Sat., Oct. 10	Suffield	(A)	11	5
	Deerfield		9	7
Wed., Oct. 15	St. John's	(H)	13	12
Sat., Oct. 18	N.M.H.	(H)	20	13
Sat., Oct. 25	Deerfield	(A)	6	9
Wed., Oct. 29	Exeter	(A)	11	6
Sat., Nov. 8	Interschols at Deer.	(A)	4th place	
	PEA, Deer., Hotch. PA			



Andover's Jay Blitzler '99 defends against an attacking Exie

Photo / J. Mitchell

Boys' Waterpolo Team Falls to Exeter in Early Season Debacle

By Todd Anderman and Collin Evans

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover	9
Hopkins	2
Andover	3
Loomis-Chaffee	1
Andover	5
Exeter	10



This past Saturday the Blue made a two hour trek to Loomis' Benjamin van Doren Hedge's Pool to take on both the Loomis Pelicans and the Hopkins squad, which is in its first year of existence. Not knowing what to expect from either team, or even itself, Andover's boys entered the first game of their season with a bit of uncertainty. Any doubts, however, were quickly dispelled by the Blue's showing of strong offense and stifling defense.

Hopkins

In the first game, the Blue faced off against Hopkins, a team new to the league this year. Hopkins has always been a force in New England swimming, so the boys were expecting some fast competition. However, Hopkins' inexperienced team proved to be no match for Andover. The Blue came out strong right from the beginning, with Collin Evans '99 scoring three goals in the first quarter and two in the second from the hole set position. Andover's defense was dominant as well, allowing only six total shots on goal, four of which were saved by goalie Matt Palmer '99. Andover's offense never let up, however, with two goals coming from Todd Anderman '99, one from Nat Moger '00, and another from Captain Piers Platt '98. Senior Jay Tuchinda made his goalkeeper debut, allowing only one Hopkins shot into the cage. The lopsided victory heightened the anticipation for the

Loomis match.

Loomis-Chaffee

As defending New England Champions and a perennial powerhouse, Loomis Chaffee looked to be a bit more difficult for Andover. Because Loomis had graduated several starters the Pelicans appeared vulnerable. Again not knowing for certain what to expect from the competition, Andover went into the game with a fired up attitude. Loomis' team proved to be more of a challenge for the tired Andover squad, primarily because of its game experience. But in the end, Andover's defense held the Pelicans to one just one goal, which was scored in the fourth quarter.

With ten saves and an impressive performance at the 1996 NEPSAC Championships, Palmer looks to be one of the premiere keepers in the league. Starters Anderman, Evans, and Moger all scored one goal, while stellar defensive performances were posted from the remainder of the Andover squad, including Teddy Dunn '99, Jay Blitzler '99, and captain Piers Platt '98.

Commenting on the game, Platt later said, "I'm impressed with the teamwork and unity shown by our squad at both ends of the pool. With continued hard work and dedication, Andover is a major contender for this year's title."

Exeter

On Wednesday, Andover fell to a surprisingly excellent Exeter squad. More than anything, the boys were hurt by Exeter's stiflingly tight defense. The only offensive output came from Evans, who scored three goals, and Moger, who netted two.

Evans was optimistic about the result of the game, saying, "I'm sure that we'll improve over the course of the season, and, by the time we meet Exeter again, will be prepared to romp."

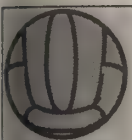
In all, the week got off to a good start; hopefully Andover will shore up their offense and tighten their defense in order to match last year's excellent results.

Boys' Waterpolo Loses Close Match With Deerfield, Pummels Hotchkiss

By Collin Evans and Todd Anderman

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Deerfield	7
Andover	3
Andover	6
Hotchkiss	3
Andover	17
St. John's	12



BOYS POLO

This past weekend, Andover brought their 2-1 record to western Massachusetts for a mini-tournament with Deerfield and

Hotchkiss. While their play was generally sub-par, Andover managed to split the two games. They began the day by losing to Deerfield, 7-3, and were able to rally in the second game to defeat Hotchkiss, 6-3. On Wednesday, Andover scrimmaged St. John's for six quarters of play.

Deerfield

Not knowing what to expect from the opposition, Andover came out somewhat unsure of their own abilities against Deerfield. The powerful Green defense managed to shut down the Blue throughout the entire first half, with the only first-half goal coming

from goalie Matt Palmer '99 at the buzzer. Mediocre defense on the part of Andover allowed one Deerfield player to dominate by scoring six goals, three in the first half alone. Andover field players remained scoreless until the last minute of the game, at which time hole forward Collin Evans '99 scored two fast-break goals off impeccable passing from Palmer.

The Deerfield loss was mainly due to Andover's inability to function as a team. This allowed Deerfield to control the perimeter on defense, preventing the all-important set-up offense from operating smoothly. Andover got off only seven shots during the entire game while Deerfield scored as many goals. After the game, the frustrated Blue regained composure for the second match of the day, focusing on the crucial team element of water polo.

Hotchkiss

From the opening sprint, Andover displayed its renewed team spirit. On the perimeter, Andover's offense was able to control Hotchkiss. Unfortunately, they did not convert their opportunities into goals. Nevertheless, their stellar teamwork in the set-up offense as well as their ability to score in one-on-goalie situations more than compensated for this deficiency.

Andover controlled the ball for a

large majority of the game. Dominating the time of possession allowed Andover to run its offense effectively. The Blue's alert open water play contributed tremendously to their steal count. Evans scored twice off fast breaks, once from the hole position and once on a picture perfect backdoor pass from Todd Anderman off a mid-pool steal. In total, Evans had four goals and Anderman had the other two, coming off a full court lob and a team fast break.

St. John's

This Wednesday, St. John's visited Andover for an informal scrimmage. Play lasted for six quarters in which all of Andover's JV players gained helpful playing experience. The final score was 17-12, Andover. For the starting team, Evans scored nine goals and Anderman three. Nat Moger '00 scored twice and contributed to the stern Andover defense. Other notable play came from captain Piers Platt '98, Teddy Dunn '99, Jay Blitzer '99, Nick Divakaruni '98 and Nate Vantzelfde '00.

Andover does not have a game this coming weekend or Wednesday. The Blue will be hosting a mini-tournament on October 4. Teams in attendance will be Choate, NMH and Exeter.



Boys' and Girls' Water Polo Teams Enjoy Friendly Competition During Off-Week

By Collin Evans and Todd Anderman

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover Boys
Andover Girls

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BOYS POLO

Because the Blue did not have a game on Wednesday, they challenged the Andover Girls water polo team in the annual "Battle of the Sexes." Coming off a successful past season, the girls looked to add another item to their already impressive list of accolades which include two New England Championships and a third place finish at Eastern's. However, the boys' strength, speed, defense, teamwork and attitude proved to be too much for their female counterparts in this intense match-up.

The boys came out strong right from the beginning scoring an impressive seven goals in the first quarter of play. Playing hole forward, Collin Evans '99 pounded five into the cage, while Todd Anderman '99 and Captain Piers Platt '98 each scored on fast break attempts. The boys' defense also held strong, which, when combined with the cat-like reflexes of goalkeeper Matt Palmer '99 allowed no goals to be scored in this first period of play.

The second quarter of play marked a complete personnel change, allowing the junior varsity squad to show their skills. Showing equal levels of teamwork and aggressive play, the fresh crew managed to almost double the scorecard, blasting in six goals. Jeff Loh '99 put three past the keeper, while Jeff Martin '00, Marcus Taylor '00 and Kevin

Emery '00 each scored one. Again showing stellar defense and effort, the boys managed to deny the girls a goal, and tired them out as well.

For the third quarter, the original team returned to the field of play, showing little fatigue after the brief interval. However, the revived girls showed new signs of commitment, scoring three goals. Aroused by the sudden show of power on behalf of the girls, the boys managed to score five goals, with two coming from Anderman and three from Evans. Again putting in the JV boys, the fourth quarter marked another successful period for the boys, who scored five goals, including scores by Carl Dietz '00, Jay Tuchinda '98, Loh, and varsity goalkeeper Palmer's field playing debut. Goalie Casey Kreugman '00 also scored an amazing full length shot from his own cage, marking his return from the disabled list.

Although both teams were tired, the nature of the game allowed for two additional periods of playing time. The girls' renewed spirit and the boys' lazy defense allowed the females to score another three goals. However the Anderman/Evans combination racked up a total of eight more goals, two coming from Anderman and six from Evans on brilliant passing from the remainder of the dedicated team. In the sixth and final quarter, the girls slipped an extra player into the pool, giving them the advantage. Soon, however, both benches were entirely empty as the match turned into a swimming melee. In the end, the two teams shook hands and called it a good game.

Tomorrow the Blue is hosting a mini-tournament with Choate, Exeter and NMH, although the Blue will not play Exeter until the end of the season.

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Boys' Water Polo Team Hosts Tournament and Comes Away with Victories over Choate, NMH

Collin Evans and Todd Anderman

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover	6
Choate	4
Andover	21
NMH	13



BOYS POLO

This past weekend, Andover hosted a mini-tournament with Choate, NMH and Exeter. The Blue came away successful, beating both games teams

much they played. These victories did not come easily, however, as the Blue was forced to fight until the buzzer against both Choate and NMH.

Choate

After losing to Andover for third place at last year's New England Championships, Choate was out for revenge. Not knowing what to expect, the Blue came out looking a bit sluggish and lazy in the water, and allowed Choate to score the first goal of the match. However, their goal was quickly avenged by Collin Evans '99 on a fast break off a spectacular pass from goalie Matt Palmer '99.

The game continued to see-saw into the second quarter, with the two

teams remaining in deadlock at 2-2 after Nat Moger '00 scored an amazing zero-angle backhand. The Blue's defense managed to hold Choate to a single goal with stellar, no-foul defense. The third quarter resulted in more resistance by both teams, although Andover managed to outscore Choate 2-1, with one goal coming from a man-up conversion by Todd Anderman '99 and the other from the hole-set position by Moger. With the lead going into the final period of play, Andover looked to use the clock and tire the opposition.

The boys managed to do just that through a successful set-up offense and persistent defense, allowing Choate to score only one goal. Moger posted two more goals, securing the win for Andover.

NMH

Just minutes after shaking hands with the Choate squad, the Blue was back in the pool for a contest against the perennially weak NMH Hoggars. After a brutal slaughter at the hands of Exeter, NMH was looking to go home with some sort of victory, and the Hoggars were willing to do anything to get it. Andover capitalized on the Hoggars' frustration at both ends of the pool, although the opposition was often hostile.

A change in Andover's usual start-

ing line-up was a sign of things to come. Captain Piers Platt '98 and Anderman sat out the game, leaving two vacancies in the starting line-up to be filled by Nate Vantzelfde '00 and Nick Divakaruni '98. Andover's offense came out quickly as they converted on virtually every scoring opportunity. This, combined with exceptional defense, provided for a remarkably one-sided match. The boys exercised complete control over NMH.

The entire team, varsity or otherwise, found their way into the game. Several players scored their first goals of the season, but the majority of the scoring came from seasoned veterans Evans and Moger. These two combined to pound in an impressive fifteen goals during their scattered play, eight coming from Evans and seven from Moger. Rookie TJ Durkin '99 put his first two of the season past the Hoggars' keeper. Other scores came from Teddy Dunn '99, Vantzelfde, and Carl Dietz '00.

Andover has been looking forward to this next weekend for three weeks now. Deerfield and Andover will be playing in a mini-tournament at Suffield.

The Blue desperately wanted revenge against Deerfield, following their last humiliating defeat.

Boys' Water Polo Team Picks Up Two Key Wins

By Collin Evans and Todd Anderman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover 9
Deerfield 7
Andover 11
Suffield 5

The boys in Blue continued their winning ways on Saturday, beating both Deerfield

and Suffield convincingly. Suffield hosted a mini tournament with just the two other teams, Deerfield and Andover. Andover's first match pitted the Blue against Deerfield for the second time this year. Andover sought revenge for their early season loss to Deerfield, and that they achieved, winning 9-7. Suffield folded under Andover's dominating play and provided little to no opposition with a final score of 11-5.

Deerfield

In their last match-up against Deerfield, the Blue fell because of Deerfield's consistency and teamwork. However, in this game, the opposite was true. After watching Deerfield's game against Suffield earlier, Coach Paul Murphy quickly formulated a strategy to counter Deerfield's hole-in-the-front defense. This allowed Andover to work their set offense, in which Collin Evans '99 scored twice from pole-forward in the first quarter. Todd Anderman '99 and Teddy Dunn '99 each capitalized for a goal on two textbook steals. After the first quarter, Deerfield never managed to recover the lead.

In the second and third quarters, the Blue showed more consistency at both ends of the pool. When combined with Andover's stellar hands-up defense and Deerfield's offensive frustration, the Blue capitalized on all of Deerfield's mistakes. Evans pounded fast break attempts past the Deerfield keeper, while Nat Moger '00 fired on two backhands from two-point offense.



Teddy Dunn '99 gears up to take a shot against Suffield

Deerfield managed to outscore the Blue in the fourth quarter 3-1, with Andover's only goal coming from Dunn in a man-up situation. However, the Blue's lead held strong through the end, putting Andover at 1-1 with Deerfield for the season.

Suffield

Andover came off the sprint rather sluggish and tired as Suffield unexpectedly scored several goals in the first quarter which left the score at 4-1. Andover was at fault for Suffield's initial offensive surge, as the Blue were overconfident and tired at the same time. In an attempt to provide some extra rest for the starting squad, Andover began subbing in their alternate players early in the game.

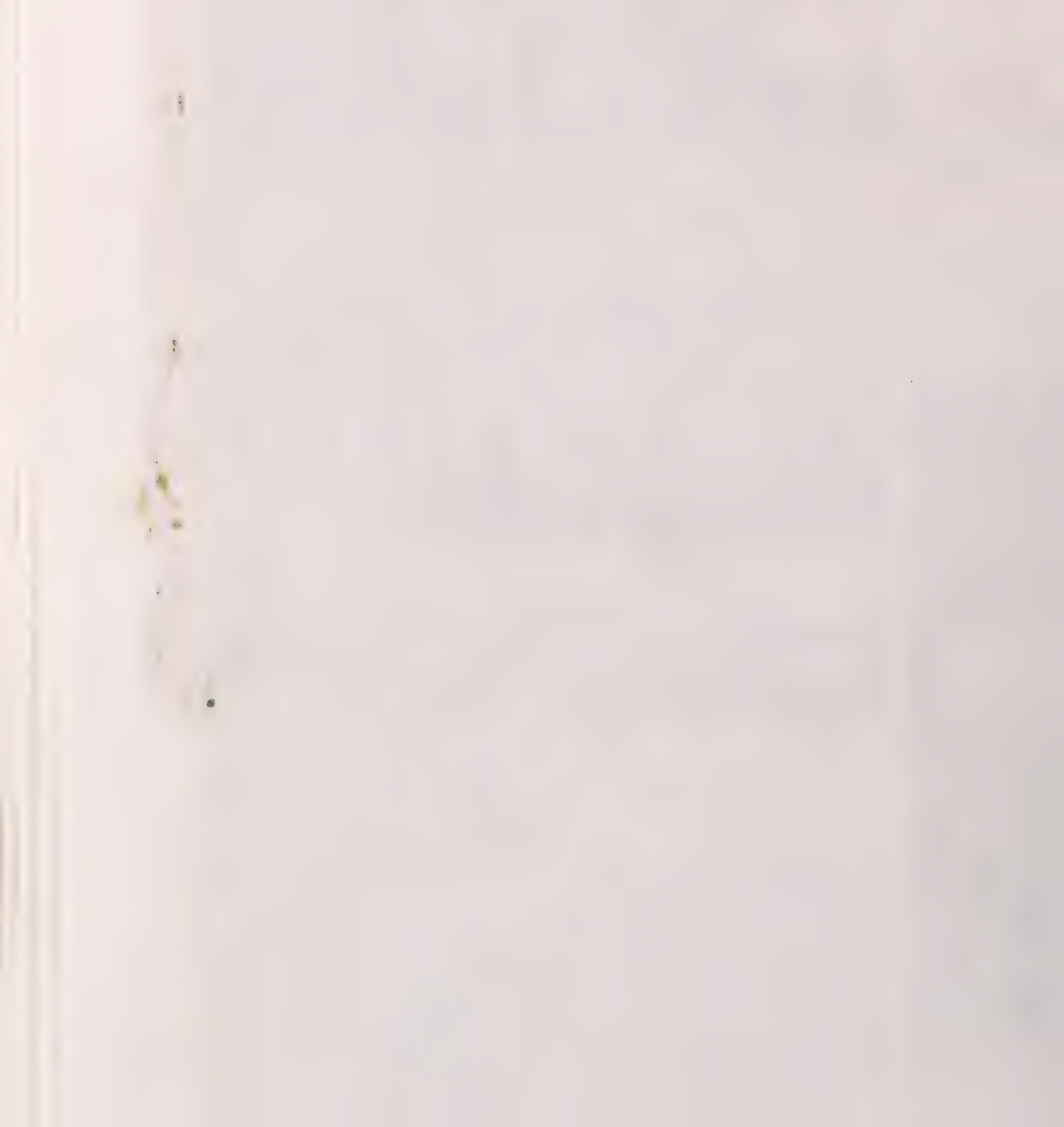
By the time play had resumed after the first intermission, the Blue had regained their composure. Andover seized the lead in the second quarter,

pouring in four goals for a total of five. Evans scored two from the hole set position, adding to his fast break goal in the first. Moger and captain Piers Platt '98 both had one in the second, both coming off fast breaks.

Andover continued its superior play throughout the entire affair. Goal after goal streamed passed the Suffield keeper while goalie Matt Palmer '99 played an excellent game at the other end. Andover's superb defense dramatically cut down the number of Suffield scoring attempts, and managed to control the pace of the game.

During the third quarter, Evans scored two more goals from the hole forward position, and also assisted Anderman on a perimeter no-look shot. T.J. Durkin '99, Moger and Anderman all scored during the fourth quarter on various fast break attempts. The entire Andover bench played in the fourth quarter, including goalie convert Jay Tuchinda '98, who allowed only one goal during his five minutes of play.

Andover hosts NMH for Parents' Weekend tomorrow. The Blue clobbered the Hoggies earlier this month and look to do the same in their next meeting.



Boys' Water Polo Looks to Post-Season Tourney

By Collin Evans and Todd Anderman

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover 21
NMH 15

This Parents' Weekend the boys in Blue dominated their competition by putting on a

pectacular show for their unusually large audience. The pool stands were filled to capacity to witness the stellar performance of the National Anthem by Dean of Community Affairs and Multicultural Development Bobby Edwards. Unfortunately, many spectators didn't stay for the remainder of the competition. The NMH game was the last home game for Andover this year, marking the final home appearances of Andover's four seniors. The boys have two regular season contests left against Deerfield and Exeter, both teams defeated Andover earlier this season.

NMH

During the first quarter, NMH presented little assistance to the Andover attack. The Blue tallied nine goals in seven minutes while allowing NMH to score only twice. A combination of fast break and man-up opportunities provided for Andover's offensive onslaught. Todd Anderman '99 and Collin Evans '99 combined for seven goals in the quarter, with three coming from Evans and four from Anderman. Andover's superior play warranted a line shift, allowing alternate players to see action in the first quarter.

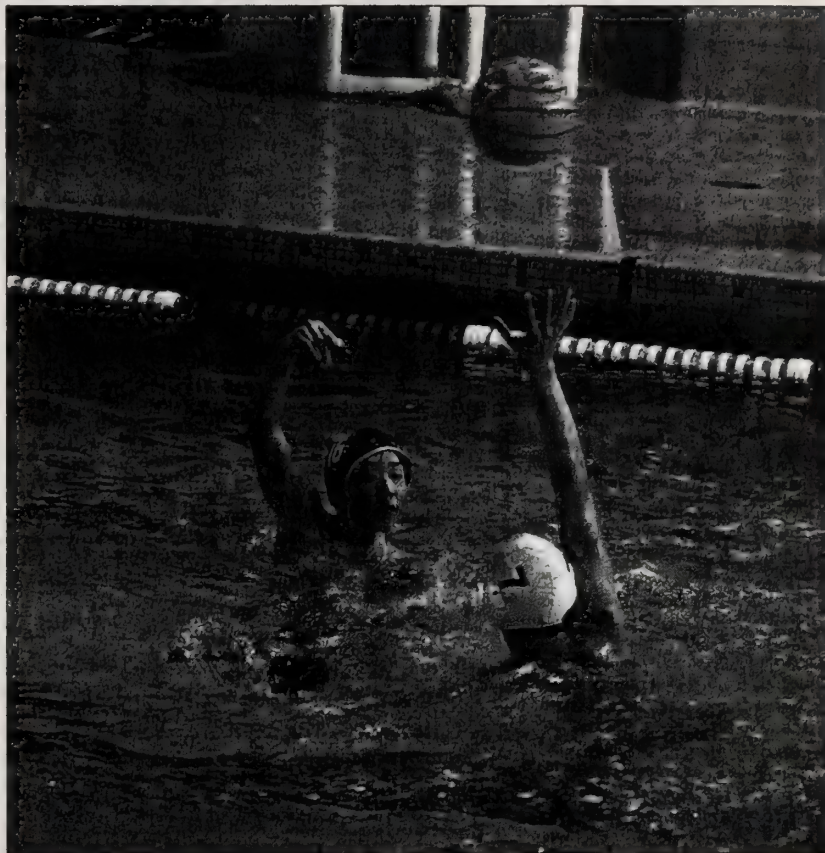
The second quarter showed a continuing assault by Andover. Although the Hoggers managed to score seven goals, Andover's already large lead held strong. Anderman posted another goal on a four-meter penalty shot, while starter Teddy Dunn '99 put shot past the Hogger's keeper from the point. Nat Hoger '00 blasted two amazing back hands into the cage from hole forward, while Nick Divakaruni '98 scored on another power play. Evans played marvellous passive offense by drawing three personal fouls on the NMH captain, who was consequently tossed from the game.

With one of the Hoggers better players missing, the window of opportunity for Andover to frustrate NMH had been opened. Poor defense by the Hoggers, when combined with decent teamwork by the Blue permitted T.J. Durkin '99 to score all of his five goals in the third quarter. At this point the Hogger's play was becoming less and less ethical, although the Blue maintained their composure and dignity throughout.

By the fourth quarter, the Hogger's had abandoned all signs of legitimate play, with one contestant being booted from the game for throwing a punch at Albert So '01. Andover's scoring rally did not let up, with two more goals coming from Moger while Jeff Loh '99 scored his first goal of the season.

When the dust had cleared, Andover emerged victorious for the ninth time this season. The Blue looks to extend its current winning streak to eight games tomorrow when they will play Deerfield away. Two key injuries during Tuesday's practice—Dunn dislocated his left thumb and Jay Blitzer '99

broke his left middle finger—could effect the outcome of the game, Andover remains still confident about taking the season series against Deerfield for the second year in a row, 2-1. Regular season play will conclude with the annual Andover-Exeter contest next Wednesday, to take place at Exeter. Andover's current league standing, second, should give them a buy in the first round of the New England Championship Tournament at Deerfield in two weeks, where Andover looks to perform well, possibly taking the win for the first time ever.



The Blue's precise offensive passes like the one showed here helped the boys to defeat NMH's Hoggers.

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Oct. 24, 1997

Boys' Water Polo Goes Down at Deerfield in Physical 6-9 Struggle

By Collin Evans and Todd Anderman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Deerfield	9
Andover	6
Exeter	11
Andover	6

This past week, the Blue faced off against Deerfield and Exeter, two very worthy opponents, losing both matches by narrow margins. The scores of the two games were 9-6 and 11-6 respectively. With an impressive 9 and 4 record, the Blue is in contention with Deerfield for a valuable second place seed at the New England Championships, which would grant it a crucial first-round bye. These two losses, however, provided Andover with a glimpse of the competition for next week's tournament.

Deerfield

Standing at 1-1 against Deerfield on the season, the Blue was looking to show its dominance over its opponents. However, the home-pool advantage seemed to aid Deerfield throughout the match, as referee Lee McGee, a Deerfield math teacher, called a fairly biased game.

Deerfield jumped out to an early lead in the first quarter of play, outscoring the Blue 2-0. The Blue never managed to recover, although it did manage to play stellar hands-up defense throughout the entire affair.

In the second quarter, the Blue finally scored its first goal when Collin Evans '99 converted an amazing fast break. Nat Moger '00 also scored on a textbook perfect assist from Evans in a precious man-up conversion. Yet Deerfield continued to out-swim Andover, who looked perplexingly tired throughout the match. This lack of energy allowed Deerfield to outscore the Blue 3-2 on man up conversions.

Halftime provided a small break for the weary Andover squad, although the rest did not seem to improve play in the third quarter. Moger pounded two more past the Deerfield keeper from the hole forward position, while hole defender Todd Anderman '99 also came up with several clean steals.

In the fourth quarter Andover's play began to pick up a bit, although



Captain Piers Platt '98 has guided his team with powerful leadership both in and out of the pool.

Photo / J. Mitchell

the late start was not enough for the Blue to seize the lead. Moger again scored on a fast break conversion, but the persistent Deerfield squad still managed to post two more goals against the lagging Blue.

Exeter

After losing to Exeter during the season's first week of play, the Blue sought revenge. However Exeter's consistency prevented Andover from keeping up with the opposition.

The first quarter of play showed impressive defense by both teams, although Exeter still managed to outscore Andover 2-1. Evans scored once in a man-up situation, while the remainder of the team, including captain Piers Platt '98, shut down Exeter's perimeter offense with convincing defense.

The Blue managed to regain some of its composure in the second quarter, during which both Moger and Evans capitalized on Exeter's ejections. The opposition still managed to squeeze three shots past goalie Matt Palmer

'99, although Andover clearly kept up with the fast-breaking Griffins.

Halftime again provided a much-needed break for Andover, which clearly paid off as the Blue scored two more goals, one coming from Moger and the other from Nick Divakarun '98. Evans, however, was tossed from the game when his aggressive play resulted in the broken nose of an Exeter player. Also thrown from the match was Nate Vantzelfde '00, whose third ejection of the year occurred over a debatable call.

Although Evans and Vantzelfde were no longer in the game, the fourth quarter showed some impressive play at both ends of the pool by the remainder of the Andover squad. Again scoring was Divakarun on a convincing steal, while T.J. Durkin '99 provided valuable reinforcement on the defensive side. Overall, the match served as a worthwhile sneak-peek of next week's Interschols, hosted by Deerfield Academy. The Blue looks to improve on last year's third place finish, and is even in contention for this year's title.

Boys' Polo Falters, Finishes Fourth at Eastern Tournament

By Collin Evans and Todd Anderman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover	9
Suffield	3
Deerfield	7
Andover	6
Hotchkiss	5
Andover	3

Although the boys in Blue showed true resilience, they finished a disappointing fourth at Saturday's New England

Championship. Andover boarded its bus on Friday night with the expectation and talent to win the tournament, but as luck would have it the team returned home without the banner. Collin Evans '99 profoundly commented after the tournament, "We could have won, but we didn't."

Because of an arbitrary decision made by the Exeter coach, Roger Nektan, Andover was seeded third in the six team field. The top two seeds, Exeter and Deerfield, received first round byes and thus did not have to play until noon. On the other hand, Andover, which based on its season record deserved the second seed, played a morning game before the semi-final, theoretically putting the boys at a disadvantage.

Andover manhandled the Suffield squad 9-3 in their first round game while resting many players for the semi-final against Deerfield. Andover, eventually heartbroken by their 7-6 loss, never showed a shortage of energy in the overtime struggle against the ultimate runner-up, Deerfield. In the contest for third place Andover's play was limited by its lack of energy as well as their indifference towards the outcome. Hotchkiss played a violent game, beating Andover 5-3.

Suffield

After a good night's sleep in a nearby hotel, the Blue was well prepared for its first match of the day. Traditionally weak, Suffield surprised Andover with an unexpected burst of energy and determination. Once adjusted, however, the Blue dominated play at both ends of the pool, taking an easy 9-3 victory.

The first quarter of play showed a fairly even match-up with Andover scoring only one goal when Todd Anderman '99, after forcing a steal by using the traditional hands-up defense to push the Suffield player up against the sideline, converted a fast break attempt with his off-hand. The remainder of the Andover squad played consistent hands-up defense,

allowing the opposition to put just two shots past goalie Matt Palmer '99.

After its warm-up, Andover's offense took off in the second quarter. Anderman scored on a picture perfect pass from hole-set Evans, who then later converted a man-up scoring opportunity. At the other end of the pool, Jay Blitzter '99 made several spectacular defensive plays which prevented Suffield from scoring opened a window for Andover to convert. By now the Blue had adjusted to the Deerfield pool, and its offensive performance reflected their vitality. Andover poured in five goals during the quarter, as opposed to Suffield's zero.

In the final quarter of play, several starters were taken out in order to prepare for the next contest against Deerfield. Only two starters remained, although Andover's offensive performance remained at par. Marcus Taylor '00 scored once from the hole-set position, while other substitutes T.J. Durkin '99, Jeff Loh '99 and Nate Vantzelfde '99 allowed Suffield to score only one goal.

Although a fairly one-sided match, the Blue was obviously somewhat fatigued. With two hours until the next contest, Andover rested for what would prove to be its most important match of the season.

Deerfield

As Deerfield had not yet played a game that day, it was at a slight advantage. This advantage, however, was overcome by Andover's overwhelming desire to win and advance to the final round of play. Despite this, Deerfield squeaked out a victory on a lucky break.

The first three periods of play showed a constant dead-lock between the two teams. Throughout the entire game, the score differed by no more than one goal, as both teams played sensational defense. This kept the score to a minimum, most goals on both sides coming on man-up conversions. Andover led 6-5 with under a minute to play in the fourth quarter when captain Piers Platt '98 was ejected from play on a debatable call. Deerfield seized this opportunity to win the game by landing an unexpected, unlikely eight meter shot. After regulation play had ended, the teams were tied at six with two two-minute overtime periods left to determine the outcome.

Andover rejuvenated its lineup

for the overtime periods by substituting Nick Divakaruni '98 for Teddy Dunn '99. This was the only substitution made during the game. The Blue controlled the ball after the initial sprint and quickly gained the man-up advantage. Unfortunately, Divakaruni's shot was deflected by the Deerfield goalie and the rebound controlled by a Deerfield player. The Green then scored on a fast break attempt during the same sequence of play. Anderman also missed a scoring attempt during the first overtime, leaving Andover pressed during the second period.

This time Deerfield won the sprint and dictated the tempo of play for the first minute. Andover finally drew an ejection with less than thirty seconds to play. They needed the goal to tie, but Evans missed the goal completely, causing a turn over. He remained at the Deerfield five-meter mark in case his teammates could force a steal. With five seconds to play Anderman made an incredible steal at mid-pool and flipped the ball to Evans, who was set to shoot with only five seconds left on the clock. Shooting a skip-shot under the goalie, the ball bounced up, hit the underside of the cross-bar, and was recovered by the Deerfield keeper, who allowed the remaining time to expire.

Said the referee after the game, "In my twenty-one years of water polo experience, I have never seen a game as close or exciting as this one." Andover, although disappointed with its near loss, left the deck with a feeling of accomplishment, knowing that it gave Deerfield the best game possible.

Hotchkiss

After such a tiring match with Deerfield, the Blue still had one match left on the day. Looking to maintain its third place seed, Andover was simply drained both mentally and physically to play up to their full potential. The two goals scored by Nat Moger '00 and one by Evans were not enough to overcome the fresh and willing Hotchkiss squad.

Despite its discouraging loss at the New England Championships, Andover's season was hardly a failure. With an impressive 9-4 regular season record, Captain Piers Platt '98 summed up this past season: "It has been an honor to lead this team. I couldn't have asked for more."

Boys' Water Polo Enjoys Successful Rebuilding Year

by Collin Evans

PHILLIP MANAGING EDITOR



Coming off a successful 1996 season, the Andover boys' water polo team was looking forward to another prosperous season. Having lost Jared Bayless '97, Jason DerAnanian '97 and Nick Vantzellfeld '97, the Blue expected a rebuilding season. Under the leadership of captain Piers Platt '98, the team fared well throughout the regular season, although frustration and fatigue plagued the squad at the New England Championships. Despite the disappointing fifth place finish, the team is prepared for a successful 1998 season with six returning starters.

A crucial match for the Blue fell on Par-ent's Weekend. Andover dominated their competition, putting on a spectacular show for the unusually large audience. The natatorium was filled to capacity to witness the stellar performance of the National Anthem by Bobby Edwards, Dean of Community Affairs and Multicultural Development. Unfortunately, many spectators failed to remain present for the Andover victory.

The NMH affair was the last home game for Andover this year, marking the final appearances of Andover's four Seniors. During the first quarter, NMH presented little resistance to the Andover attack. The Blue tallied nine goals in seven minutes while allowing NMH to score only twice, both times by lucky circumstance. A combination of fast break and shut-up opportunities provided for Andover's onslaught of offense. Collin Evans '99 and Todd Anderman '99 combined for seven goals in the quarter, four coming from Anderman and three from Evans.

Andover's superior play warranted a line shift, allowing alternate players to see action in

the first quarter. The second quarter showed a continuing assault by the Blue. Although the Hogger's managed to score seven goals, Andover's already large lead held strong. Anderman posted another goal on a four-meter penalty shot, while starter Teddy Dunn '99 put a shot past the Hogger's keeper from the point. Nat Moger '00 blasted two amazing back hands into the cage from hole forward, while Nick Vantzellfeld '98 scored on another power play.

Evans played marvellous passive offense by drawing three personal fouls on the NMH captain, "Raoul," who was consequently tossed from the game. With one of the Hogger's better players missing, the window of opportunity for Andover to frustrate NMH had been opened. Poor defense by the Hoggers, when combined with marvellous teamwork by the Blue, permitted T. J. Durkin '99 to score all of his five goals in the third quarter. At this point the Hogger's play was becoming less and less ethical, although the Blue maintained their composure and dignity throughout.

By the fourth quarter, the Hogger's had abandoned all signs of legitimate play, with one contestant being booted from the game for throwing a punch at Albert So '01. Andover's scoring rally did not let up, with two more goals coming from Moger while Jeff Loh '99 scored his first goal of the season. The contest finished with a score of 22 - 15.

Standing at a 1-1 record with Deerfield on the season, the Blue was looking to show its dominance over the Green in its next game. The home-pool advantage seemed to aid Deerfield throughout the match, as the home referee called a fairly biased game. Deerfield jumped out to an early lead in the first quarter of play, outscoring the Blue 2-0. The Blue never managed to recover, although they did manage to play stellar hands-up defense throughout the entire affair, led by Jay Blitzler '99. In the second quarter, the Blue finally scored their first

goal, when Evans converted an amazing fast break. Moger also scored on a textbook assist from Evans in a previous man-up conversion. Yet Deerfield continued to out-swim Andover, who looked perplexingly tired throughout the match. This lack of energy allowed Deerfield to out-score the Blue 3-2 on man-up conversions.

Half-time provided a small break for the weary Andover squad, although the rest did not seem to improve play in the third quarter. Moger pounded two more past the Deerfield keeper from the hole forward position, while several clean steals. In the fourth quarter Andover's play began to pick up a bit, although the late start was not enough for the Blue to seize the lead. Moger again scored on a fast break conversion, but the persistent Deerfield squad still managed to post two more goals against the lagging Blue, pulling out a 9-6 victory.

After losing to Exeter during the season's first week of play, the Blue was looking for revenge. However, Exeter's consistency, when combined with poor officiating prevented the Andover squad from keeping up with the opposition.

The first quarter of play showed impressive defense by both teams, although Exeter still managed to score Andover 2-1. Evans scored once in a man-up situation, while the remainder of the team, including Platt, shut down Exeter's perimeter offense with convincing defense. The Blue managed to regain some of their composure in the second quarter, during which both Moger and Evans capitalized on Exeter's ejections. The opposition still managed to squeeze three shots past Matt Palmer '99, although Andover was clearly keeping up with the fast breaking Griffins.

Half-time again provided a much needed break for Andover, which clearly paid off as the Blue scored two more goals, one coming

from Moger and the other from Divakaruni. Evans, however, was tossed from the game when his aggressive play resulted in his third personal foul. Also thrown from the match was Nate Vantzellfeld '98, who's third ejection occurred on a debatable call.

Although Evans and Vantzellfeld were no longer in the game, the fourth quarter showed some impressive play at both ends of the pool by the remainder of the Andover squad. Again Divakaruni took a convincing steal, while Durkin provided valuable reinforcement on the defensive side. Overall, the match served as a worthwhile sneak-peak of the upcoming Inter-schools, hosted by Deerfield Academy.

Given a fairly successful regular season, the Blue was looking for an impressive performance at the New England Championship, hosted by Deerfield Academy. Andover's first-round game pitted the Blue against the Suffield Tigers, third and sixth seeds respectively. Suffield outscored Andover 2 - 1 in the first quarter, with Andover's sole goal coming from Anderman.

Unfortunately for Suffield, Andover's play quickly improved, on both sides of the ball. The Suffield squad looked helpless against the merciless Andover attack. Moger was the leading scorer for the Andover team, with each of his three goals coming in the third quarter. Palmer played well, which helped Andover to easily advance to the semi-final against Deerfield with a winning 9-3 victory.

Overall, however, the Blue had a successful season. The supposed "rebuilding season" turned out to be a highly competitive season as many younger members of the team managed to step up and gain valuable playing experience, while the team veterans found new ways to work together in the pool. With six returning starters, led by captain-elect Dunn, the 1998 season looks to be promising for the Andover squad.

SPORT: GIRLS' WATER POLO

YEAR: 1997-98

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Sat., Sept. 20	Loomis-Chaffee	(H)	10	1
Sat., Oct. 4	Choate	(A)	9	7
	Lawrenceville		13	7
Wed., Oct. 8	NMH	(A)	24	0
Sat., Oct. 11	Williston	(A)	24	3
Sat., Oct. 18	N.M.H.	(H)	22	2
Sat., Oct. 25	Deerfield	(A)	10	7
Wed., Oct. 29	Loomis-Chaffee	(A)	15	10
Sun., Nov 2	Loomis Tournament	(A)		1st place
Sat., Nov. 8	Easterns at Choate	(A)		3rd place

Girls' Waterpolo Jumps All Over Loomis-Chaffee

9.26.97

by Mel Lind and Anne Bartlett

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover	10
Loomis-Chaffee	2



In their second game against Loomis this season, the Andover girls' water polo team once again proved victorious. The girls played both an "A"

game and the first two quarters of a "B" game in which newcomers to the sport showed themselves quite capable of playing well with only verbal support from the veterans. This year's assistant coach, Courtney Cherewich, was especially impressed with the "strength and hard work of the younger players. They have great potential."

New player Karley Samson '00 was also impressed: "All of the girls, both new and old, are off to an incredible start. We really communicate well as a team," she said at the games' end. The final score of the girls' first game was 10-2. While this score may not seem as impressive as last week's victory of 13-0, the level of play was certainly as high. The girls demonstrated excellent team work, and proved themselves especially adroit at stealing the ball. Jess Schoen '99 ini-

tiated five incredible turnovers, two of which ultimately resulted in goals.

Also, the Loomis goalie was consistently fooled by Andover's well-placed shots. Caroline Pollack '98 threw a lob shot that flew over the goalie's head, while skip shots by captains Anne Bartlett '98 and Caitlin Murphy '98 entered the goal before Loomis had time to react.

Both Kate Connors '98 and Allison Ferranti '98 had several fast breaks, and they raised the tempo of the game to such a high degree that Loomis soon became tired out.

The "B" game was perhaps the more interesting of the two to watch. Meg Blitzer '01 and Sidney Freas '01 both played incredibly well and aggressively. Blitzer especially played well, scoring an incredible five of the game's eleven goals. New goalie, Kate Bartlett '01, had her first shut out with some excellent blocks and strong defense in the field. Karen O'Connor '00 proved to be especially strong on defense, and was able to make several steals. Veterans Zoe Niarchos '98 and Liz Anderson '00 helped to lead the new girls through this game, and were both responsible for several assists. Coaches and players alike remarked that the game was a remarkable starting point for the entire squad.

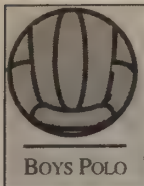
Boys' and Girls' Water Polo Teams Enjoy Friendly Competition During Off-Week

By Collin Evans and Todd Anderman

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Because the Blue did not have a game on Wednesday, they challenged the Andover Girls water polo team in the annual "Battle of the Sexes." Coming off a successful past season, the girls looked to add another item to their already impressive list of accolades which include two New England Championships and a third place finish at Eastern's. However, the boys' strength, speed, defense, teamwork and attitude proved to be too much for their female counterparts in this intense match-up.

The boys came out strong right from the beginning scoring an impressive seven goals in the first quarter of play. Playing hole forward, Collin Evans '99 pounded five into the cage, while Todd Anderman '99 and Captain Piers Platt '98 each scored on fast break attempts. The boys' defense also held strong, which, when combined with the cat-like reflexes of goalkeeper Matt Palmer '99 allowed no goals to be scored in this first period of play.

The second quarter of play marked a complete personnel change, allowing the junior varsity squad to show their skills. Showing equal levels of teamwork and aggressive play, the fresh crew managed to almost double the scorecard, blasting in six goals. Jeff Loh '99 put three past the keeper, while Jeff Martin '00, Marcus Taylor '00 and Kevin

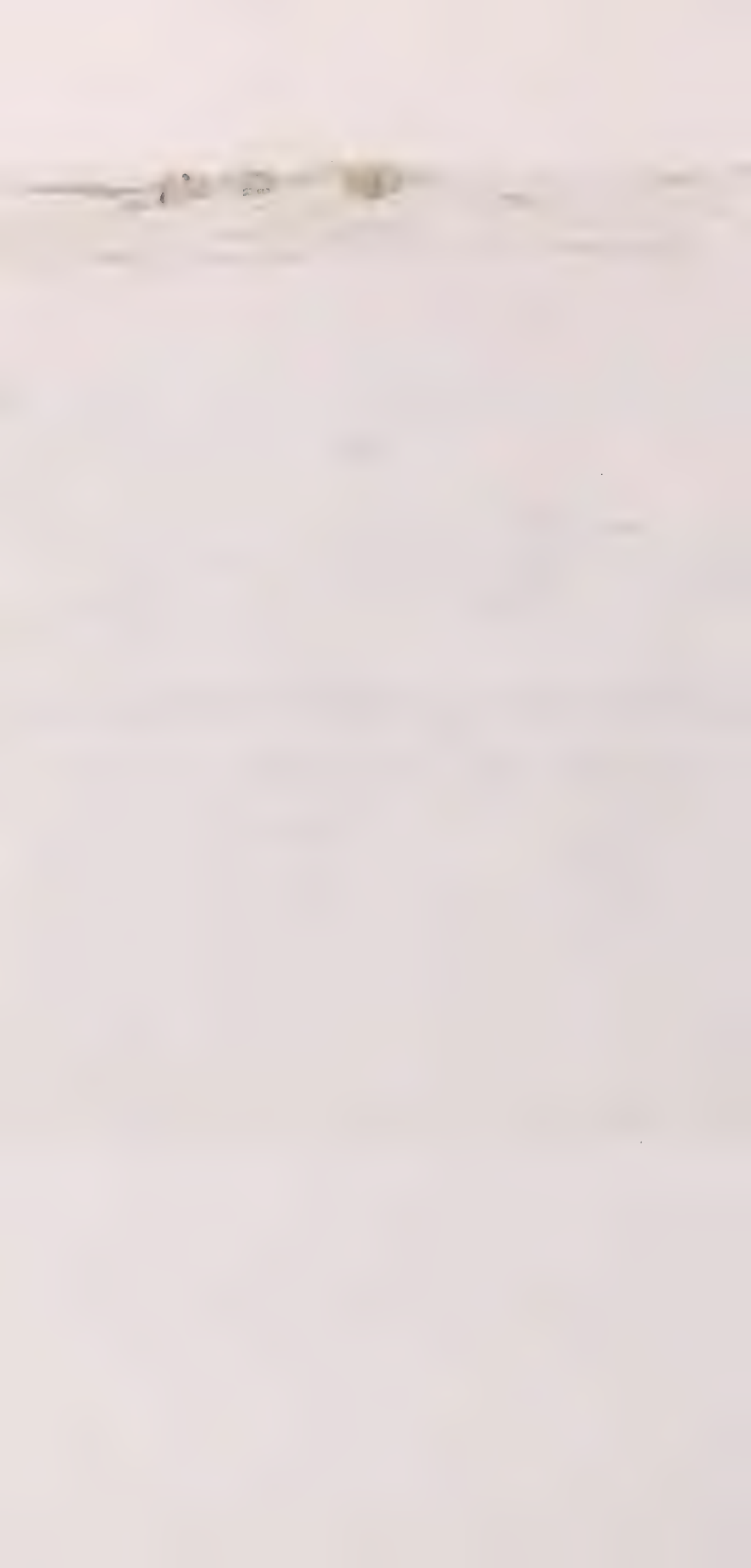
Emery '00 each scored one. Again showing stellar defense and effort, the boys managed to deny the girls a goal, and tired them out as well.

For the third quarter, the original team returned to the field of play, showing little fatigue after the brief interval. However, the revived girls showed new signs of commitment, scoring three goals. Aroused by the sudden show of power on behalf of the girls, the boys managed to score five goals, with two coming from Anderman and three from Evans. Again putting in the JV boys, the fourth quarter marked another successful period for the boys, who scored five goals, including scores by Carl Dietz '00, Jay Tuchinda '98, Loh, and varsity goalkeeper Palmer's field playing debut. Goalie Casey Kreugman '00 also scored an amazing full length shot from his own cage, marking his return from the disabled list.

Although both teams were tired, the nature of the game allowed for two additional periods of playing time. The girls' renewed spirit and the boys' lazy defense allowed the females to score another three goals. However the Anderman/Evans combination racked up a total of eight more goals, two coming from Anderman and six from Evans off brilliant passing from the remainder of the dedicated team. In the sixth and final quarter, the girls slipped an extra player into the pool, giving them the advantage. Soon, however, both benches were entirely empty as the match turned into a swimming melee. In the end, the two teams shook hands and called it a good game.

Tomorrow the Blue is hosting a mini-tournament with Choate, Exeter and NMH, although the Blue will not play Exeter until the end of the season.

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Anne Bartlett

by Nick MacInnis

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Anne Bartlett, a novice swimmer when she first arrived at Andover, has transformed into a water polo star in only four years. Bartlett, the co-captain of this year's team, exemplifies what high school sports are all about, the development of athletes. Under the watchful eye of Cindy Effinger, Bartlett honed the skills needed to dominate her league.

Anne has four generations of Andover alumni in her family so she felt compelled to attend Andover. Although she swam over the summers at her home in California, Anne had no intentions of competing in water sports when she first arrived at Andover. It was only the urging of her mothers friend, an olympic water polo player, and her father that led Anne to decide to go out for water polo. Freshmen year provided a lot of invaluable experience, although Anne played very little.

At first Anne was so intimidated by the seniors of the team that she said, "I don't think I said a single word the whole year."

Lower year Anne was the first player off the bench for her team and the team enjoyed much success winning the New England championships. After lower year Bartlett chose to pursue her interests in water polo by attending a camp at Long Beach. When Anne came back upper year she was a much improved player and her swimming skills had begun to catch up with rest of her play. Again the team won the New England's and this time it finished third in the eastern regional tournamnet.

Senior year, Anne came in as the elected captain and with the loss of the previous years leading scorer, Rebecca Greenberg to graduation, she knew that she would have to step up and play a more assertive role on the team. The mindset of this year's team was as Anne put it, "If we wrorked hard we win New Englands." She also made the switch from a defensive player,

"hole D," to a player that was all offense or "hole." Despite an injury sustained to her right elbow during upper year which forced her to play with a brace all season, Anne still led the team in goals. Bartlett also dispalyed her skill as a leader, not necessary vocally, but by example. Her senior season was definitely one to remember for Anne with all of the teams success being a total effort and all the girls having a very close relationship.

Anne has grown as a player along side her coach, Cindy Effinger, who's first year as a coach was Anne's first year on the team. Anne said that Cindy has undoubtedly played an integral part in her progress as a player. Anne said that although Cindy has never played water polo, she is, "incredibly dedicated to the team," which translates into the team's success. At the eastern championships this year the girls were beaten by Cumberland, a team that plays year round, so the fact that the girls could compete with them and only lose by a goal is very impressive.

According to Anne her favorite part of water polo is the contact involved in it. The physical side of the game in New England is not nearly as visible as it is in California, so for Anne when she plays high school water polo it is a much different game, a cleaner one, one she enjoys more. As her teammate and co-captain Caitlin Murphy said, "Because she plays such an important position the entire team revolved around her."

Overall Anne has had enjoyed her stay at Andover, but water polo is, "What made her feel comfortable here [at Andover]." As she looks to the future Anne would like to keep playing water polo. She is applying early to Stanford, a phenomenal water polo school, and is in the recruiting process with the school right now. Even if she does not compete at the collegiate level the development Anne made as a player is undeniable and her contributions to the water polo program the past four years have been outstanding.

Girls' Polo Dominates Tournament at Choate

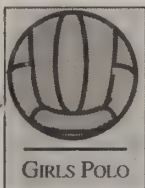
by Anne Bartlett and Mel Lind

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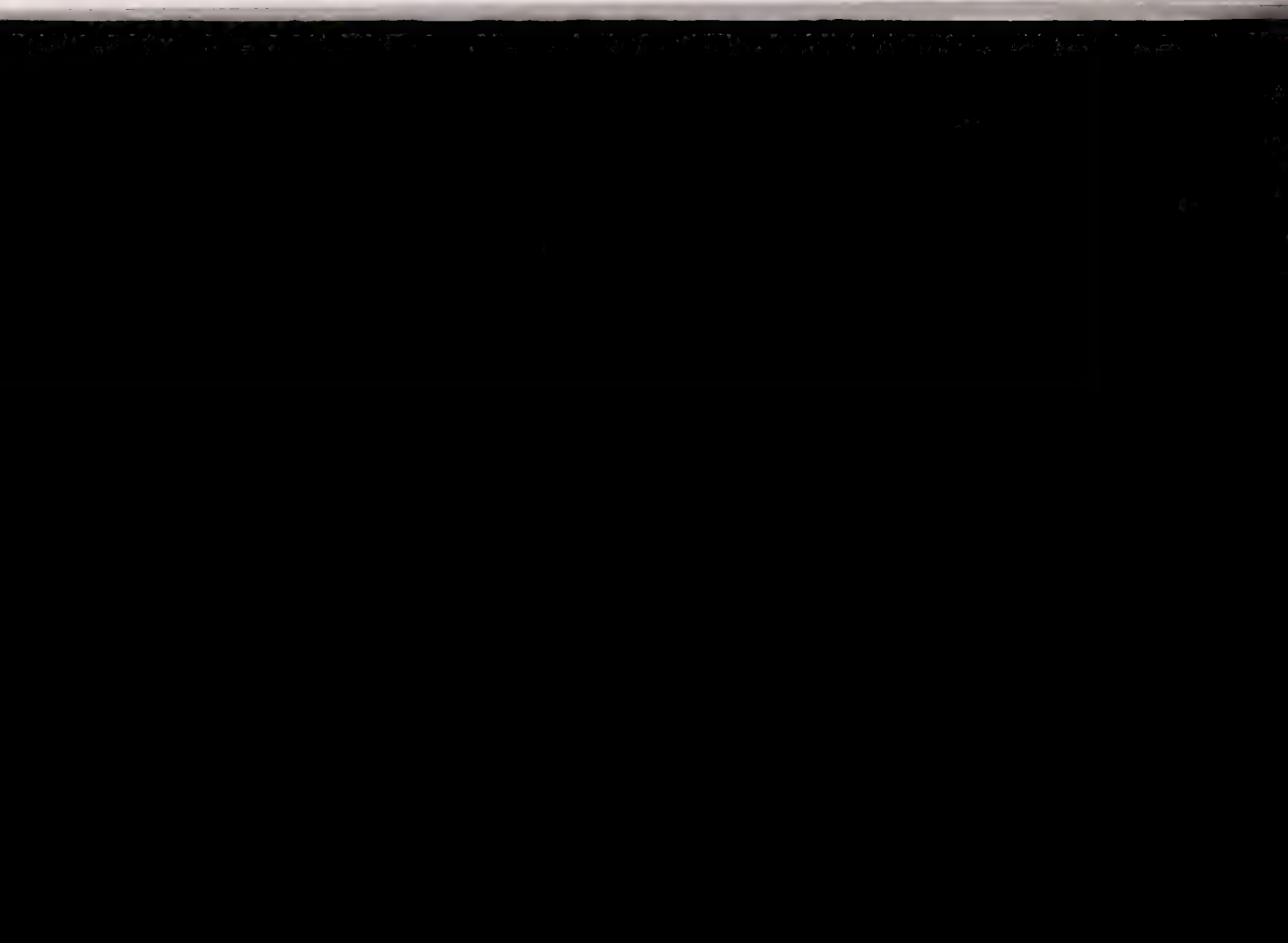
In a small tournament this weekend at Choate, the Andover girls were once again twice victorious, winning against Choate and Lawrenceville. Although Deerfield was also present, Andover played only two games, and after watching Deerfield defeat Choate, the Andover girls look forward to playing Deerfield in two weeks.

Both games were challenging for the girls. Lawrenceville has improved tremendously since last year and their new skills surprised the Andover team at first. The first two quarters of the game were slow, and Andover did not play at the level for which they are known throughout the North. Although the score was tied, four-four, at the end of the second quarter, the girls began to swim more quickly and to play more aggressively in the third and fourth quarters. Coach Cindy Effinger remarked, "While the girls did not play up to their potential, I am proud of them for really sticking in this game. They were tired but they continued to fight." Caroline Pollack '98 and Lisa Shaughnessy '98 were the high scorers in this game and each made several excellent shots, dumbfounding the Lawrenceville goalie. Kate Connors '98 made an incredible shot off a rebound, and Caitlin Murphy '98 initiated several turnovers. The final score of this game was 13-6.

In the Choate game, Andover once again had a slow start, although the girls picked up the tempo of this game more quickly than they had in the Lawrenceville game. Goalie Mel Lind '98 had an incredible game, making a total of 13 saves, 2 of which were came on 2 person breakaways. The girls did an excellent job of getting open in this game, especially squaring out on the counter attack. While many passes were a little off, communication, which is especially important in Choate's 25 meter, 8 lane pool, was good. Jess Schoen '99, who played in the hole position for most of this game, helped direct the girls in the pool and was especially adept at getting the ball to the open person.

In Wednesday's game against NMH, the girls had their second shut out of the season. The final score of this game was 24-0 - "an average of a goal a minute" Mel Lind proudly announced. New goalie, Kate Bartlett '01, played the last three quarters of this game; her long passes were very accurate, allowing Caroline Pollack to score four goals on fast breaks and Anne Bartlett '98 to make seven goals from the hole. Lisa Shaughnessy and Zoe Niarchos '98 played strong defense, and Lisa assisted five shots. New players Meg Blitzter '01 and Sidney Freas '01 also played well, and each scored a goal during the second quarter. While NMH resorted to somewhat "dirty" play, the Andover girls maintained their cool, playing cleanly throughout the game. The girls continue to play well as a team and hope to continue their winning streak.

10-10-97



Mel Lind '98

"[Mel] can maintain the flow of the game with her superior leadership skills."

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Winning the New England Championship instantly makes a champion, but maintaining that standard of excellence over the course of three years signifies a dynasty. Behind the excellent work of senior goalie Mel Lind '98, the girls' waterpolo team has ascended new heights this season by capturing the inaugural Loomis-Chaffee tournament. In years before the league championship was decided as a result of regular season standards; however, for the first time ever, the champion was decided in the post-season.

Mel's clutch play this past weekend earned her a selection to the first team all-tournament squad. Guiding the team to its third consecutive title, Lind has joined an elite group by getting the coveted Athlete of the Week award.

Born and raised in Greensboro, North Carolina, Mel began her career in the pool at the age of seven. Encouraged to swim by her parents, Lind took lessons and quickly became acquainted with the pool. Although her junior high school did not have a swimming program, she continued her development through a country club team. Although she was beginning to desire a change, for the moment Mel was content with her life in the south. However, little did she know, her desire was about to manifest itself in the form of boarding school.

In her eighth grade year, Mel's parents suggested she look at boarding school to broaden her options. Doing the "homework" herself, Lind sent away for the various collections of information that each school offered. After sorting through them, she decided on a final three: Exeter, Andover, and Lawrenceville. The level of academics offered at PA enticed her because the schools at home could not offer her the same opportunities. Partially following the direction of her mother, Mel never actually thought she would go to a school in the Northeast. However, the decision was made and Lind found herself enrolled at Phillips Academy Andover, one of the finest schools in the nation.

Upon arrival at the academy, Mel found herself in a new, intimidating

environment. Overall the transition was not very difficult, but she did need some time to adjust. In the classroom, Lind found things very different. During her previous schooling she was only faced with a maximum of an hour of work each night, however, upon her entrance into PA Mel encountered a significant increase in workload. With no real experience outside of her country club swim team, Mel did not make the varsity during her junior year. Cut from the waterpolo team as a fresh-

land title, but, unfortunately, was unable to lead the squad past Annapolis in the Eastern region finals.

This season Lind and the girls' waterpolo team continued their dynasty, with their third consecutive undefeated season, as well as their third straight New England title. However, despite their obvious good fortune, many people thought that the team had lost a step with the departure of phenom Rebecca Greenburg '97. "Not having a go to player really helped us play as a team, we couldn't depend on one person," commented Lind. The team effort has really paid off this year, with many people getting time and contributing to the victories. The ability to sub a lot can only be accomplished with Mel in goal because she can maintain the flow of the game with her superior leadership skills. The team will continue their quest for waterpolo prowess this weekend at the Eastern finals.



Mel Lind's '98 stellar play in net has led the Blue to its third consecutive New England Championship this season. Photo / J. Mitchell

man, Lind decided to work hard to make it the next year. By working all winter on the JV swim team, and then participating in instructional waterpolo during the spring. She moved onto the varsity squad during her lower year, and came under the instruction of starting goalie Meg Kultgen '96. Mel continued her progression during the following summer at the Naval Academy swimming camp. "At the Naval Academy I really learned how to play, and improved my skills," commented Lind. With help from the Croatian National team goalie, she became adept at the position, mastering the basics and moving on to more advanced skills.

When Mel returned to campus for her upper year she assumed the starting goalkeeper position on the defending New England champion squad. "I was extremely scared to take over from Meg," remembered Lind. Although she always feels nervous before the game, no matter how big the match, in the first couple of weeks she felt a lot of pressure. Overcoming her uneasiness, she had a great season, helping her team to an undefeated record. Mel directed girls' waterpolo to its second consecutive New Eng-

The future looks bright for both Mel and the waterpolo team. In addition to having a good chance to win the "Easterns," the girls' squad are set for next year. Conscious of her departure after this year, Lind has begun to train protégé, Kate Bartlett '01, the younger sister of captain Anne '98, to take over as goaltender. Mel has the swimming season to look forward to, and must soon make a decision about college. She has applied early-action to the California Institute of Technology, as well as nine schools for regular decision. If Mel finds herself at a Division one school, she believes her swimming career will come to an end; however, she would like to continue participating in both waterpolo and swimming at the intramural level if she is unable to join the varsity. So long as the sport remains fun, Lind will try to play.

A source of inspiration, Mel's parents have played an intricate part of her athletic and academic development. By providing constant support, the Linds plan to travel to Easterns to see her for the second straight year. With the help of her family and friends, Mel will continue to make waves around New England.



Water Polo Sets Sights on New England Championship

by Anne Bartlett

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover 22
Williston 4

The Andover girls' water polo team remained undefeated, as it won again on Saturday, defeating Williston 22-4. The Williston team has greatly improved since

Andover's girls first started playing them four years ago, and the first quarter of this game proved especially difficult. The Andover team has a tendency to get off to a slow start, and it has often taken the Blue a full quarter to pick up the pace of the game. "Although we played poorly at the beginning of the game, by the middle of the second quarter we were forcing Williston to play up to our level," Anne Krepps '97 commented at the games end.

Nobody scored in the first five minutes of the game, though Andover repeatedly stole the ball and then failed to capitalize on the possession. After swimming back and forth for this time, Anne Bartlett '98 was finally able to score. Within thirty seconds, Caroline Pollack '98 also netted a goal, increasing Andover's lead to 2-0.

Though the girls usually play six minute quarters, against Williston they played seven minute quarters. The longer periods wore down both teams early. Andover was also missing two of its starters, Jess Schoen '99 and Allison Ferranti '98, and had to work harder as a result of the absence of these greatly valued players. Also missing were Emily Keifer '99, Kate Bartlett '01, and Sarah Ferranti '01. Despite these setbacks, the girls were able to pull themselves together, and as coach Cindy Effinger later put it, "the Andover girls got more excited the more tired they got. They just kept going, and when [Williston] got frustrated they manage to stay collected."

Williston scored their first goal at the very beginning of the third quarter; the close score encouraged the girls to push themselves even more. Lisa Shaughnessy '98 and Caitlin Murphy '98 both helped to pick up the tempo in this quarter, as they each scored several goals and were responsible for many assists. Zoe Niarchos '98, who started the game, played superbly, initiating several turnovers. While Williston is not a slow team, its ball handling skills are inferior to those of the Andover girls. As a result, the Blue was able to intercept many passes and steal the ball repeatedly.

Everyone who went to Williston was able to play for at least a quarter in this game; Meg Blitzer did an excellent job defending the hole and Karen O'Connor was especially adept at stealing the ball. Liz Anderson was "impressed with the level of play of the new girls. They are already great assets to our team."

Because the girls did not have a game this Wednesday, they have spent much of the week doing extra conditioning. This coming Saturday they will again be playing NMH. While they continue to prepare for immediate upcoming games, they are working especially hard so that they will do well in their Eastern tournament which will be held on the weekend of November 8 at Choate.

Bartlett Sisters Lead Girls' Polo

by Anne Bartlett
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover 22
NMH 2

After defeating NMH for the second time last

Saturday, the girls' water polo team remained undefeated both against the Hoggars and for the entire season. While Lisa Shaughnessy '98 and Zoe Niarchos '98 were both absent, Andover had no trouble crushing their opponents, ultimately defeating NMH 22-2. While the number of goals scored in both NMH games is similar, Saturday's game was far more impressive. NMH is a new team, and has only existed as an all-girls squad for two years. The hoggars are improving quickly and the Andover girls felt that the level of play in this game was clearly superior to the level of play in the previous game.

Andover immediately showed its dominance in the game. Jess Schoen '99 scored in the first thirty seconds, setting the tempo for the rest of the quarter. The team scored nine goals in the first quarter; Anne Bartlett '98 and Caroline Pollack '98 both made two goals, and captain Caitlin Murphy's '98 strong defense shut down NMH's hole, preventing them from shooting. Goalie Mel Lind '98 later remarked, "There weren't too many shots on goal. The girls played strong offensively and defensively."

During the next two quarters, the younger players on the team stepped up to the challenge, and showed their defensive strength. Keryn O'Connor '01 played especially well, scoring a fantastic goal off a fast break. Sarah Ferranti '01 and Sophie Cowan '01 helped out goalie Kate Bartlett '01 with their excellent defense. Meg Blitzer '01 played aggressively in hole-defense, while at the other end of the pool, Sidney Freas '01 proved very capable in hole.

Because this game was the final home game the girls have this season, all of the seniors on the team played in the final quarter. This quarter was filled with lobs and seven meter skip shots. Andover had possession of the ball for most of the quarter, but worked primarily on passing skills rather than shooting.

Deerfield is the only team in New England the girls have not yet played, and they have been working especially hard in practice this week in order to prepare for their game against Deerfield this Saturday. Deerfield is also undefeated and the girls look forward to a challenging game. This has also been a week of strategy building for the upcoming tournaments. The Andover girls have also applied for a position in the New England tournament which will take place at Loomis on November second. This tournament will most likely allow the Blue to qualify for a position in the Eastern tournament at Choate the following weekend.

Girls' Polo Walks Over Prep League

by Anne Bartlett and Mel Lind
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After preparing for weeks for the Deerfield game, the Andover girls' water polo team

joined many of Andover's other teams at Deerfield on a day the school quite appropriately calls "Andover Day." This game was by far the most challenging of the games Andover's girls' water polo team has played this year.

Perhaps what made the heated matchup so difficult for PA was Deerfield player Adele Beauvis, who started last year for the boys' team. Shutting her down became a main goal of the Andover team.

The Andover girls were full of nervous energy as they entered the pool. The Deerfield coach was already calling the matchup "the game of the season," and Deerfield had a great advantage in their almost all-deep pool. The first quarter was especially difficult for the PA girls. Deerfield quickly got off two excellent shots, and Andover, not used to being behind, was a little slow to react. Jess Schoen '99 was able to make a goal just before the end of the first quarter.

Between the first and second quarter, coach Cindy Efinger helped the girls to calm down a bit with an inspirational pep talk, and in the second quarter Andover came on strong. Lisa Shaughnessy '98 and Anne Bartlett '98 did exceptionally well, leading the girls to a halftime score of 6-3. The Blue grew more confident and began to play more aggressively. Caitlin Murphy '98 added another goal to the score in the third quarter, adeptly flicking the ball past the Deerfield goalie on a rebound. Goalie Mel Lind '98 also had a particularly strong third quarter, making many skilled saves.

While PA did not play quite as strongly in the fourth quarter, which led to Deerfield scoring another three goals, Andover held it together

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enough to win the game 10-7. This victory is clearly the result of much hard work by everyone on the team. Coach Cindy Efinger was "very proud. The girls have really come a long way."

Loomis-Chaffee

Wednesday afternoon the girls traveled to Loomis-Chaffee where they played the Loomis team for the third time this season. Loomis has improved tremendously this season; this improved play was reflected in Loomis's 1-2 led at the end of the first quarter. Nonetheless, Andover overcame this deficit and defeated the opponent. The final score was 14-9.

After a typically slow first quarter, the Andover girls pulled themselves together and began to show Loomis how water polo is really played. Caroline Pollak '98 was certainly the star of this game, baffling the Deerfield goalie with excellent lob shots. Sydney Freas '00 also played well and

took possession of the ball after the sprint that began the third quarter. Liz Anderson '01 also had a strong game and played excellent defense. Caitlin Murphy '98, even after suffering a blow to the lip, stole the ball several times, as did Allison Ferrante '98.

While Andover won the Loomis game, the Blue's level of play was not up to its usual high standard. Perhaps because they had already defeated Loomis twice at the beginning of the season, the girls entered this game with too much confidence.

Sunday, Andover will return to the Loomis pool where it will participate in the New England Championships. Andover has defeated all of the top teams in the region and hopes to take first place this Sunday.

Until then, they will be working on communicating in the water and fine tuning their shots. The results of the New England Championship will help determine Andover's opponent the following weekend in the Eastern tournament at Choate.

Combination of Experience and Youth Leads Girls' Polo to Third Consecutive New England Championship Title

by Eli Kagan

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



Last Saturday, the girls' varsity water polo team competed in the Loomis-Chaffee Invitational Water Polo Tournament. Taking first place, the Blue clinched the New England Championship. This is the second year in a row that the girls have been atop their league, and they hope to bring their New England domination to Easterns, which is

being held at Choate, where they will enter as the top seed in their bracket.

The girls received a bye in the first round of the Loomis tournament, as they were heavy favorites. In the second round match, they faced a strong Loomis Chaffee team, that had won its opening round game. The first half was fiercely played by both teams, as the half time score was an even 3-3. However, the Blue surged ahead in the third quarter largely as a result of the stellar play of team Captain Anne Bartlett '98. Bartlett scored five goals on the game and would later be named tournament most valuable player. The contest came to a close as the Andover team having dominated the second half won by a convincing score of 9-4. Also playing well for the Blue were Jess Schoen '99 and Lisa Shaughnessy '98, who both finished with two goals.

Two hours later the girls played in the tournament final against Choate. Entering the game almost dangerously confident, the Blue led by only one at the half. However, it seemed at times that there was a slight lack of communication between the team, as its play in the first half lacked its earlier fervor. In the second half the Phillips team came alive, scoring five goals, and winning by a score of 9-5. The game was a tribute to the highly resilient Andover squad, as it won despite sub-par first half play. Andover received goals in the game from Sydney Freas '00, Anne Bartlett '98, Caitlin Murphy '98, and Shaughnessy.

Defensively, Caroline Pollak had a strong game, controlling the defensive end proficiently and stopping numerous Choate scoring attempts. In goal, Mel Lind '98 played well in both games, letting up only three second half goals all day. Caitlin Murphy '98 stated after the tournament, "Since the starters have played together for so long our communication and general team unity is fantastic."

The tournament victory clinched the New England title for Andover, as it was clear that the Blue was a major powerhouse in the league all season long. After the game, Lisa Shaughnessy, Mel Lind, and Anne Bartlett were named to the all New England team, with Bartlett also receiving the tournament's most valuable player award. Agreeing with the selection, Caroline Pollak described Bartlett's play in the tournament and throughout the season as "excellent"

Next week, the girls along with only three other New England teams leave to play in the Eastern tournament, where Andover is favored to make it to the finals. The Blue will face Lawrenceville, Deerfield, and Cumberland Valley in the initial portion of the tournament.

This gives the girls the opportunity to stack its play up against some of the finest teams in the nation. After finishing an amazing regular season well atop the New England league, they will hope to gain greater recognition for their superb play and outstanding their season.

Girls' Polo Repeats '96 Results with Another Third Place Finish at Easterns

by Charlie Finch
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS EDITOR



Though the girls' water polo team came in a somewhat disappointing third at its tournament, all of the seniors who led the team throughout the season may look back proudly on their superhuman post-season efforts. The girls' demolished Loomis, Deerfield and Lawrenceville in the last week of their season, but fell just short in games against Cumberland and Annapolis.

Lawrenceville

In what Bartlett called, "essentially a warm-up for the rest of the tournament," Andover creamed Lawrenceville 10-5 in its first game. Caroline Pollak '98 scored an astounding seven of the team's goals, mostly on lob shots from the wings. In the second half of the game, juniors Sophie Cowan, Kate Bartlett and Meg Blitzer all received significant playing time and took the opportunity to split three goals between them, putting the game out of reach for the clearly inferior Lawrenceville players.

Deerfield

In its first test of the post-season, Andover's defense came up big by holding a potent Deerfield arsenal to a mere three goals. On the other end of the pool, the offense did its job by producing five hard-earned goals, three of which came in the tense second half.

After the game, coaches noted that Caitlin Murphy '98, who used her excellent swimming skills and endless endurance, played by far her strongest game of the year. In addition, Pollak dropped back to defense for much of

the game, where she anchored Andover's effort to repulse the Deerfield offense.

Unfortunately, Andover leader Anne Bartlett jammed her finger severely in the second half, an injury which partially incapacitated her for the final games of the season.

Cumberland

In a second half heartbreaker, Andover fell to an excellent Cumberland team that was visiting from Maryland. Relying once again on its indefatigable defense, Andover led 1-0 going into the final twenty minutes of the game. However, on a man up situation Cumberland broke up the pool and netted the tying goal. From then on, Andover made a few mental errors and Cumberland capitalized on them all. Though it tacked on an extra goal in the final minutes of the game, Andover fell by the score of 3-2.

Leading the charge against Cumberland for Andover was Lisa Shaughnessy '98, who scored both of Andover's goals and was blocked by the Cumberland goalie on several excellent shots. Shaughnessy was praised especially for her passing skills after the game.

Annapolis

Despite dirty play on the part of its opponents and questionable refereeing, Andover fought through its game against Annapolis valiantly. However, the girls ultimately fell by the misleadingly wide margin of seven, 14-7. Late in the second half, Andover managed to string together four unanswered goals, only to lose momentum while playing man-down.

Jess Schoen '99, despite her 2nd quarter ejection, played excellent defense while shutting down Annapolis's hole player.

Also, along with Bartlett and Shaughnessy, Schoen provided the bulk of Andover's seven goals. That Andover scored seven goals is remarkable, considering Annapolis's goalie made the junior national team.

In addition to Schoen, Kerry O'Connor '99 had an excellent game, leading the Andover defensive charge.

Loomis

Though their losses to Annapolis and Cumberland prevented the girls from retaining their championship hopes, the team came back against Loomis in the third place game and crushed the Pelicans by the score of 10-2.

Against Loomis, Andover immediately secured its lead off of several Pollak goals. In addition, Zoe Niarchos '98 slid an excellent goal past Loomis's bewildered goalie. Replacing Schoen, Liz Anderson '98 also added to the team's efforts.

As she had throughout the tournament, goalie Mel Lind '98 stonewalled Andover's opponents. Lind commented after the game, "The seven seniors ended the season, both against Loomis and throughout the tournament, with a big bang." A small, welcome dose of recognition came after the tourney when Shaughnessy and Schoen were named first team all-tournament, Bartlett garnered second team honors, and Lind was awarded an honorable mention for her work in the goal.

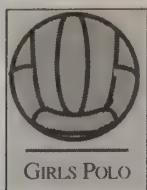
In all, the season was certainly a successful one for the water polo team. The girls had a winning percentage in the .800s, and the younger players developed nicely. Leading the team next year will be Jess Schoen, one of the best players Andover has ever seen, and coaches and returners alike anticipate that next year's team will replicate its predecessors success.

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Girls' Water Polo Extends Its Reign

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The girls' varsity waterpolo team finished off its 1997-98 season by capturing the New England Championship title for the third consecutive year. Led by captains Caitlin Murphy '98, and Anne Bartlett '98, the 18 girls completely dominated the pool all season.

Coaches Cindy Efinger and Courtney Cherewich were both vital to the success of the season as were the eight graduating seniors, Kate Connors, Zoe Niarchos, Allison Ferranti, Caroline Pollack, Caitlin Murphy, Mel Lind, Anne Bartlett and Lisa Shaughnessy.

Andover's successful season began with a tournament against Loomis-Chaffee and Choate. The six senior starters, Pollack, Ferranti, Lind, Bartlett, Murphy, and Shaughnessy, along with next years captain, Jess Shoen '99 replaced anxiety with confidence as Andover took a strong lead. Andover's wins against Loomis-Chaffee and Choate proved an excellent beginning to the season.

With Momentum Andover competed in a mini-tournament against Choate and Lawrenceville. The Big Blue managed to beat Choate in their first game 9-7, partly due to the thirteen brilliant saves by senior goalie Lind. Andover entered its second game against Lawrenceville with confidence and once again emerged with a win.

A few days later Andover played at home against NMH, giving the Blue an opportunity to showcase its skill. New and complicated plays baffled the Hoggars, allowing the Big Blue to outscore them 24-0.

In the next game Andover crushed Williston 22-4 despite the fact Big Blue got off to a slow start because five key players missed the game. As in the previous game, first year players had an opportunity to shine.

Anticipating a tough match against Deerfield, Andover practiced hard through a two week period with no games. The Big Blue's nervousness showed in the first quarter and Andover fell behind by one. But after an inspiring pep talk from coaches Cindy Efinger and Courtney Cherewich, the girls relaxed. By the middle of the second quarter, Andover gained control of the game, bringing the score to 6-3 by half time. The girls maintained its three goal lead throughout the third and fourth quarters emerging victorious again by the final score of 10-7.

In the final game of the regular season Andover faced Loomis-Chaffee. For the third time in the season, Andover held off the improving Pelicans. After such a successful season, Andover awaited the New England Championships full of confidence and excitement.

Because the team had so far been undefeated it received a bye in the first round of the championships. In the second round of competition, Andover battled Loomis-Chaffee. Loomis put up a hard fight, and the score was tied 3-3 at half-time. But once again Andover's endurance and teamwork throughout the second half allowed them to emerge from the game with a 9-4 victory. Anne Bartlett scored five goals and Lisa Shaughnessy and Jess Schoen scored two goals apiece as well. In the third and final round, Andover battled Choate and led by one goal at half-time. Once again Andover's third quarter proved its strongest. The combined effort of strong defensemen Caroline Pollack and goalie Mel Lind shut down Choate's offense, giving Andover a 9-5 win. It was an excellent game, Andover showed great skill, communication, and teamwork. After the game Shaughnessy, Lind, and Bartlett were named to the All-American Team, and Bartlett was also given the tournament MVP award. For the third year in a row Andover brought home the New England Championship title. For its post-season tournament Andover traveled to Connecticut to face stronger competition in a Eastern Championship against nationally ranked Annapolis and Cumberland Valley. In the first day of competition, Andover played against Lawrenceville. The easy 10-5 victory was a nice warm-up for the team, allowing for most of the players to get in the pool, and for Pollack to score a unprecedented seven goals. In the next game Andover pulled off a close victory of 5-3 against a fellow Massachusetts team, Deerfield Academy.

After spending a revitalizing night in a hotel, Andover entered the second day of competition fresh and determined. Despite the two excellent goals by Shaughnessy, Andover could not hold off Cumberland Valley, a waterpolo club from Maryland, losing 3-2.

Remaining calm, Andover was up against Annapolis, one of the best waterpolo teams in the country. Even with some of their best playing of the season, Andover was not able to keep up with their skill and speed. After the final game had been played Andover placed third, Cumberland valley second, and Annapolis first, proving Andover to be the best in New England once again. Shaughnessy and Schoen were given first team all tournament awards. Honors were also given to Lind and Bartlett. This wrapped up a great season filled with dedicated, friendship and teamwork.

Although eight seniors will be graduating this year, next year's captain Schoen will provide the young team with her strength and leadership. The team is looking forward to a training trip this summer at the International Swimming Hall of Fame in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida to prepare for the up coming season. The girls are anticipating yet another sensational season.

AWARDS AND TROPHYS FALL TERM - 1997-98

HALLOWELL CROSS COUNTRY CUP - Awarded annually to a member of the boys and girls cross country team who during the season has displayed outstanding sportsmanship, performance and team spirit.

MALE RECIPIENT: JOHN FRIEDMAN

FEMALE RECIPIENT: SARI EDELSTEIN

SMOYER SOCCER CUP - Awarded annually to a member of the boys soccer team who, in his association with the sport, has contributed most to the team through sportsmanship, effort and ability.

RECIPIENT: ANDREW BUTLER

DRAKE SOCCER AWARD - Awarded annually to a member of the girls varsity soccer team who through ability, dedication, and love of the game has inspired in her teammates the will to win.

RECIPIENT: WHITNEY GRACE

ABBOT ACADEMY FIELD HOCKEY AWARD - An award to that member of the varsity field hockey team who has contributed most to the sport through endeavor, ability and team spirit.

RECIPIENT: ALEXANDRA MULVEY

MVP VARSITY FOOTBALL AWARD

RECIPIENT: KYLE O'BRIEN

MVP VOLLEYBALL AWARD

RECIPIENT: KATE KELLEY

MVP BOYS WATER POLO AWARD

RECIPIENT: COLLIN EVANS

MVP GIRLS WATER POLO AWARD

RECIPIENT: LISA SHAUGHNESSY

WINTER
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1997 - WINTER ATHLETIC SCHEDULE - 1998

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Basketball (B V)	Governor Dummer (Scrim.)	(A)	3:00
Basketball (G V)	MILTON (Scrim.)	(H)	3:30
Hockey (B V)	GOVERNOR DUMMER	(H)	3:30
Hockey (G V)	CASCO BAY HOCKEY	(H)	6:00

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Hockey (G V)	WOLFEBORO GIRLS	(H)	6:00
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Basketball (B V)	Brooks (Scrim.)	(A)	1:30
Basketball (G V)	BROOKS (Scrim.)	(H)	1:30
Hockey (B V)	CANTERBURY	(H)	4:30
Squash (B V)	M.I.T.	(A)	2:00
Wrestling (B V)	Brooks (Scrim.)	(A)	1:30

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

Basketball (B V)	HOLDERNESS	(H)	4:30
Basketball (G V)	BREWSTER ACADEMY	(H)	3:00
Hockey (B V)	St. Paul's	(A)	4:00
Hockey (B JV1)	CHELMSFORD	(H)	4:30
Hockey (G V)	K.U.A.	(A)	4:00
Squash (B V)	BROOKS (Scrim.)	(H)	2:30
Squash (B JV1)	BROOKS (Scrim.)	(H)	2:30
Squash (G V)	Tabor	(A)	3:30

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

Basketball (B V)	CUSHING	(H)	2:30
Basketball (B JV1)	CUSHING	(H)	2:30
Hockey (B V)	St. Mark's	(A)	2:00
Hockey (B JV1)	MIDDLESEX ISLANDERS	(H)	5:30
Hockey (G V)	ST. MARK'S	(H)	2:30
Hockey (G JV)	Governor Dummer	(A)	4:00
Wrestling (B V)	Governor Dummer	(A)	2:30

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

Basketball (B V)	THAYER	(H)	5:00
Basketball (G V)	THAYER (Scrim.)	(H)	3:00
Hockey (B V)	Harvard	(A)	4:30

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

Basketball (B V)	HARVARD	(H)	3:00
Basketball (G V)	HARVARD	(H)	1:00
Hockey (B V)	TABOR	(H)	1:00
Hockey (G V)	PEABODY GIRLS	(H)	10:00

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

Basketball (B V)	Loomis-Chaffee	(A)	5:00
Basketball (G V)	Loomis-Chaffee	(A)	3:00
Hockey (B V)	MILTON	(H)	5:00
Hockey (G V)	BOSTON ICE WOMEN	(H)	7:00

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

Basketball (B V)	New Hampton	(A)	3:30
Basketball (G V)	New Hampton	(A)	1:30
Hockey (B V)	TILTON	(H)	5:30
Hockey (G V)	Hanover High School	(A)	5:10

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

Hockey (G V)	Taft	(A)	TBA
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

Hockey (B V)	Milton	(A)	TBA
Hockey (G V)	Taft	(A)	TBA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

Hockey (B V)	Milton	(A)	TBA
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

Hockey (B V)	Milton	(A)	TBA
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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

Skiing Nordic	Holderness	(A)	2:45
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

Hockey (B V)	St. John's	(A)	4:00
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 10 "A Day with Andover Athletics"

Basketball (B V)	CHOATE	(H)	6:00
Basketball (B JV1)	CHOATE	(H)	2:00
Basketball (G V)	CHOATE	(H)	4:00
Basketball (G JV1)	CHOATE	(H)	12:00
Hockey (B V)	CHOATE	(H)	2:00
Hockey (B JV1)	CHOATE	(H)	4:00
Hockey (G V)	CHOATE	(H)	6:00
Hockey (G JV)	CHOATE	(H)	12:00
Squash (B V)	CHOATE/EXETER/TAFT	(H)	2:00
Squash (G V)	CHOATE	(H)	12:00
Swimming (B V)	CHOATE	(H)	2:00
Swimming (G V)	CHOATE	(H)	2:00
Track (B & G)	Dartmouth Relays	(A)	TBA
Wrestling (B V)	CHOATE	(H)	2:00
Wrestling (B JV)	CHOATE	(H)	2:00

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

Hockey (B V)	ALUMNI	(H)	2:00
Hockey (G V)	ALUMNI	(H)	12:00

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

Basketball (B JV1)	Andover High School	(A)	3:30
Basketball (B JV2)	NORTH READING HIGH JV	(H)	3:00
Basketball (G V)	Andover High School	(A)	6:00
Basketball (G JV1)	Andover High School	(A)	3:30
Basketball (G JV2)	NO. READING HIGH FRESHMEN	(H)	3:00
Hockey (B V)	BRIDGETON ACADEMY	(H)	4:30

Hockey (G V)	New Hampton	(A)	4:00
Hockey (G JV)	BROOKS	(H)	2:30
Skiing Nordic	Proctor	(A)	2:45
Squash (B V)	Deerfield	(A)	3:30
Squash (B JV1)	Deerfield	(A)	3:30
Squash (B JV2)	Groton	(A)	2:15
Squash (G V)	MIDDLESEX	(H)	2:30
Squash (G JV1)	MIDDLESEX	(H)	2:30
Swimming (B JV)	BERWICK ACADEMY	(H)	3:15
Swimming (G JV)	BERWICK ACADEMY	(H)	3:15
Track (B V)	Tewksbury	(A)	3:00
Track (G V)	Tewksbury	(A)	3:00
Wrestling (B V)	WILBRAHAM & MONSON	(H)	3:30

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

Squash (G V)	BROOKS	(H)	4:00
Squash (G JV1)	BROOKS	(H)	4:00

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

Basketball (B V)	TABOR	(H)	7:00
Basketball (B JV1)	TABOR	(H)	5:00
Basketball (B JV2)	Gr. Law. Technical High	(A)	1:00
Basketball (G V)	Milton	(A)	1:15
Basketball (G JV1)	Milton	(A)	1:00
Basketball (G JV2)	Fay School	(A)	1:00
Hockey (B V)	Exeter	(A)	4:30
Hockey (B JV1)	Deerfield	(A)	4:30
Hockey (G V)	ST. PAUL'S	(H)	3:00
Squash (B JV1)	ST. MARK'S	(H)	3:30
Squash (B JV2)	ST. MARK'S	(H)	3:30
Swimming (B V)	LOOMIS-CHAFFEE	(H)	2:00
Swimming (B JV)	Exeter	(A)	5:30
Swimming (G V)	LOOMIS-CHAFFEE	(H)	2:00
Swimming (G JV)	Exeter	(A)	5:30
Wrestling (B V)	DEERFIELD/TILTON/MILFORD	(H)	2:00
Wrestling (B JV)	Suffield	(A)	TBA

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

Basketball (B V)	Brewster Academy	(A)	3:30
Basketball (B JV1)	PINGREE	(H)	5:00
Basketball (B JV2)	PINGREE	(H)	5:00
Basketball (G V)	N.M.H.	(A)	4:30
Basketball (G JV1)	N.M.H.	(A)	4:30
Basketball (G JV2)	GROTON	(H)	3:00
Hockey (B V)	BERWICK ACADEMY	(H)	5:15
Hockey (G V)	LAWRENCE ACADEMY	(H)	3:15
Skiing Nordic	Vermont Academy	(A)	2:45
Squash (B JV1)	GROTON	(H)	3:30
Squash (G V)	St. Paul's	(A)	2:45
Squash (G JV1)	St. Paul's	(A)	2:45

Squash (G JV2)	St. Paul's	(A)	2:45
Swimming (B V)	LINCOLN SUDBURY	(H)	3:45
Swimming (G V)	LINCOLN SUDBURY	(H)	3:45
Wrestling (B V)	WORCESTER/HYDE	(H)	3:00
Wrestling (B JV)	WORCESTER/HYDE	(H)	3:00

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

Basketball (G JV2)	CONCORD-CARLISLE HIGH	(H)	3:30
Squash (B JV2)	MILTON	(H)	4:30

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

Basketball (B JV1)	Deerfield	(A)	3:15
Basketball (B JV2)	Deerfield	(A)	3:15
Basketball (G V)	DEERFIELD	(H)	3:30
Basketball (G JV1)	DEERFIELD	(H)	3:30
Hockey (B V)	Noble & Greenough	(A)	4:00
Hockey (B JV1)	St. Paul's	(A)	3:30
Hockey (G V)	GROTON	(H)	2:30
Hockey (G JV)	HANOVER YOUTH HOCKEY	(H)	4:30
Squash (B V)	Middlesex	(A)	2:00
Squash (B JV1)	Middlesex	(A)	2:00
Squash (G V)	EXETER	(H)	2:00
Squash (G JV1)	EXETER	(H)	2:00
Swimming (B V)	Suffield/Hotchkiss	(A)	3:30
Swimming (B JV)	MILTON	(H)	2:30
Swimming (G V)	Suffield/Hotchkiss	(A)	3:30
Swimming (G JV)	MILTON	(H)	2:30
Wrestling (B V)	BELM HILL/LOOMIS/N. HAMP.	(H)	3:45
Wrestling (B JV)	Exeter/Hyde	(A)	2:00

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

Basketball (B V)	Exeter	(A)	4:30
Basketball (B JV1)	Exeter	(A)	4:30
Basketball (B JV2)	ANDOVER FRESHMAN	(H)	3:30
Basketball (G V)	N.A.P.S.	(H)	5:00
Basketball (G JV1)	NO. READING HIGH SCHOOL	(H)	5:00
Basketball (G JV2)	ANDOVER FRESHMAN	(H)	3:30
Hockey (B V)	LAWRENCE ACADEMY	(H)	4:00
Hockey (B JV1)	MIDDLESEX ISLANDERS	(H)	6:00
Hockey (G V)	Cushing	(A)	3:00
Hockey (G JV)	B.B.&N.	(A)	3:00
Skiing Nordic	Putney	(A)	2:30
Squash (B V)	St. Paul's	(A)	3:15
Squash (B JV1)	St. Paul's	(A)	3:15
Squash (G V)	GROTON	(H)	2:30
Squash (G JV1)	GROTON	(H)	2:30
Wrestling (B V)	No. Andover	(A)	3:30

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

Basketball (B JV2)	GR. LAW. TECHNICAL HIGH	(H)	3:45
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Basketball (G JV2)	B.B.&N.	(H)	4:30
Squash (B V)	TUFTS	(H)	4:00
Squash (G V)	TUFTS	(H)	4:00

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

Basketball (B V)	N.M.H.	(A)	6:15
Basketball (B JV1)	N.M.H.	(A)	6:15
Basketball (G V)	Tabor	(A)	5:00
Basketball (G JV1)	Tabor	(A)	3:00
Hockey (B V)	Loomis-Chaffee	(A)	4:00
Hockey (B JV1)	ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL	(H)	2:30
Hockey (G V)	DEERFIELD	(H)	6:30
Hockey (G JV)	DEERFIELD	(H)	4:30
Skiing Nordic	HOME RACE	(H)	TBA
Squash (B V)	CHOATE/WESTMINSTER/		
	BROOKS	(H)	2:15
Squash (B JV2)	COMMONWEALTH SCHOOL	(H)	12:00
Squash (G JV2)	Middlesex	(A)	2:00
Swimming (B V)	Deerfield	(A)	3:30
Swimming (B JV)	DEERFIELD	(H)	3:00
Swimming (G V)	Deerfield	(A)	3:30
Swimming (G JV)	Deerfield	(H)	3:00
Wrestling (B V)	N.M.H.	(A)	1:00
Wrestling (B JV)	Loomis	(A)	TBA

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Basketball (B V)	BRIDGTON ACADEMY	(H)	4:30
Basketball (B JV2)	Chelmsford	(A)	4:45
Basketball (G V)	CUSHING	(H)	3:00
Basketball (G JV1)	CUSHING	(H)	3:00
Basketball (G JV2)	Chelmsford	(A)	3:30
Hockey (B V)	DEERFIELD	(H)	4:15
Hockey (B JV1)	Chelmsford	(A)	2:45
Hockey (G V)	Exeter	(A)	2:45
Hockey (G JV)	MIDDLESEX	(H)	2:15
Nordic Skiing	K.U.A.	(A)	2:45
Squash (B V)	Exeter	(A)	2:30
Squash (B JV1)	Exeter	(A)	2:30
Squash (B JV2)	Exeter	(A)	2:30
Squash (G V)	NOBLE & GREENOUGH	(H)	4:00
Squash (G JV1)	NOBLE & GREENOUGH	(H)	4:00
Squash (G JV2)	Groton	(A)	2:30
Swimming (B V)	N.E. BARRACODAS	(H)	5:30
Swimming (G V)	N.E. BARRACODAS	(H)	5:30
Swimming (G JV)	WINSOR	(H)	3:00
Wrestling (B V)	TABOR/B.B.&N.	(H)	3:00
Wrestling (B JV)	TABOR	(H)	3:00

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Basketball (B V)	Thayer	(A)	4:45
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Squash (B V)	TABOR.....(H)	5:00
Squash (B JV1)	TABOR.....(H)	5:00

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Basketball (B JV1)	LAWRENCE HIGH.....(H)	1:00
Basketball (B JV2)	LAWRENCE HIGH.....(H)	1:00
Basketball (G V)	Exeter.....(A)	2:00
Basketball (G JV1)	Exeter.....(A)	2:00
Basketball (G JV2)	CENTRAL.....(H)	3:30
Hockey (B V)	B.B. & N.....(A)	4:30
Hockey (B JV1)	ST. MARK'S.....(H)	4:30
Hockey (G V)	B.B. & N.....(H)	2:30
Hockey (G JV)	St. Mark's.....(A)	2:00
Squash (B V)	Milton.....(A)	2:00
Squash (B JV)	Milton.....(A)	2:00
Squash (B JV2)	BELMONT HILL.....(H)	12:00
Squash (G V)	Milton.....(A)	12:00
Squash (G JV1)	Milton.....(A)	12:00
Squash (G JV2)	ST. MARK'S.....(H)	2:00
Track (B V)	Wheaton Invitational.....(A)	9:00
Track (G V)	Wheaton Invitational.....(A)	9:00
Wrestling (B V)	MOSES/NEW HAMPT/MILTON.....(H)	1:00
Wrestling (B JV)	Hyde/St. Paul's/Exeter.....(A)	3:00

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Basketball (B JV1)	St. John's.....(A)	4:00
Basketball (B JV2)	Andover High.....(A)	3:30
Basketball (G V)	St. Paul's.....(A)	3:30
Basketball (G JV1)	St. Paul's.....(A)	3:30
Basketball (G JV2)	Pingree.....(A)	3:00
Hockey (B V)	K.U.A.....(H)	4:45
Hockey (B JV1)	ASSABET VALLEY.....(H)	6:45
Hockey (G V)	TABOR.....(H)	2:45
Hockey (G JV)	Berwick.....(A)	3:00
Skiing Nordic	St. Paul's.....(A)	2:30
Squash (B V)	Belmont Hill.....(A)	3:00
Squash (B JV1)	Belmont Hill.....(A)	3:00
Squash (B JV2)	CONCORD ACADEMY.....(H)	4:15
Squash (G V)	ST. PAUL'S.....(H)	2:30
Squash (G JV1)	ST. PAUL'S.....(H)	2:30
Squash (G JV2)	ST. PAUL'S.....(H)	2:30
Swimming (B V)	WORCESTER.....(H)	3:30
Swimming (G V)	WORCESTER.....(H)	3:30
Wrestling (B V)	BROOKS.....(H)	3:00
Wrestling (B JV)	BROOKS.....(H)	3:00

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Basketball (B V)	BEAVER COUNTRY DAY.....(H)	3:45
Basketball (G V)	ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL.....(H)	5:30
Hockey (B V)	Pingree.....(A)	5:00
Hockey (G V)	N.M.H.....(H)	6:30

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Hockey (B V)	Belmont Hill.....(A)	2:00
Track (B V)	Boston University.....(A)	TBA

Track (G V)	Boston University.....(A)	TBA
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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Basketball (B V)	Worcester.....(A)	3:00
Basketball (B JV1)	Worcester.....(A)	3:00
Basketball (B JV2)	CENTRAL.....(H)	4:45
Basketball (G V)	B.B. & N.....(H)	3:15
Basketball (G JV1)	B.B. & N.....(H)	3:15
Basketball (G JV2)	Shore Country Day.....(A)	3:45
Hockey (B V)	CUSHING.....(H)	5:00
Hockey (B JV1)	AUSTIN PREP.....(H)	3:00
Hockey (G V)	Noble & Greenough.....(A)	4:00
Skiing Nordic	Interschols@NMH.....(A)	TBA
Squash (B V)	St. George's.....(A)	3:45
Squash (B JV1)	Noble & Greenough.....(A)	3:45
Squash (B JV2)	Brooks.....(A)	1:30
Squash (G V)	WINSOR.....(H)	3:30
Squash (G JV1)	WINSOR.....(H)	3:30
Squash (G JV2)	St. Mark's JV/Middlesex.....(A)	2:30
Swimming (B JV)	ST. GEORGE'S/BERWICK.....(H)	3:30
Swimming (G JV)	ST. GEORGE'S/BERWICK.....(H)	3:30
Wrestling (B V)	Exeter.....(A)	3:00
Wrestling (B JV)	Exeter.....(A)	4:00

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Hockey (G V)	MILTON.....(H)	5:15
Squash (G JV2)	GROTON.....(H)	4:15
Wrestling (B V)	Interscholastics Exeter.....(A)	TBA

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Basketball (B V)	N.M.H.....(H)	6:00
Basketball (B JV1)	N.M.H.....(H)	2:00
Basketball (G V)	N.M.H.....(H)	4:00
Basketball (G JV1)	N.M.H.....(H)	4:00
Basketball (G JV2)	N.M.H.....(H)	2:00
Hockey (B V)	Tabor.....(A)	3:00
Hockey (B JV1)	Tabor.....(A)	1:00
Hockey (G V)	Brooks.....(A)	1:30
Hockey (G JV)	Groton.....(A)	3:30
Squash (B JV2)	Belmont Hill.....(A)	11:00
Squash (G V)	Groton.....(A)	2:00
Squash (G JV1)	Groton.....(A)	3:00
Swimming (B V)	Hopkins.....(A)	2:00
Swimming (G V)	Hopkins.....(A)	2:00
Wrestling (B V)	Interscholastics Exeter.....(A)	TBA

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Basketball (B V)	DEERFIELD.....(H)	4:30
Basketball (B JV1)	DEERFIELD.....(H)	4:30
Basketball (B JV2)	Central Catholic High.....(A)	4:00
Basketball (G V)	TILTON.....(H)	2:30
Hockey (B V)	N.M.H.....(A)	4:00
Hockey (B JV1)	Belmont Hill.....(A)	2:30
Hockey (G V)	Holderness.....(A)	4:30
Hockey (G JV)	ST. PAUL'S.....(H)	3:30

Skiing Nordic	Holderness.....(A)	TBA
Squash (B V)	EXETER.....(H)	2:30
Squash (B JV1)	EXETER.....(H)	2:30
Squash (B JV2)	EXETER.....(H)	2:30
Squash (G V)	Exeter.....(A)	2:30
Squash (G JV1)	Exeter.....(A)	2:30
Squash (G JV2)	Exeter.....(A)	2:30
Swimming (B V)	Exeter.....(A)	3:00
Swimming (G V)	Exeter.....(A)	3:00
Track (B V)	EXETER.....(H)	2:30
Track (B JV)	EXETER.....(H)	2:30
Track (G V)	EXETER.....(H)	2:30
Track (G JV)	EXETER.....(H)	2:30

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Squash (B V)	Interschols (Trinity College).....(A)	TBA
Squash (G V)	Interschols (Exeter).....(A)	9:00

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Basketball (B V)	EXETER.....(H)	7:00
Basketball (B JV1)	EXETER.....(H)	3:00
Basketball (G V)	EXETER.....(H)	5:00
Basketball (G JV1)	EXETER.....(H)	1:00
Hockey (B V)	EXETER.....(H)	4:00
Hockey (B JV1)	EXETER.....(H)	2:30
Hockey (G V)	EXETER.....(H)	6:00
Hockey (G JV)	EXETER.....(H)	1:00
Squash (B V)	Interschols (Trinity College).....(A)	9:00
Squash (G V)	Interschols (Exeter).....(A)	9:00
Swimming (B JV)	EXETER.....(H)	2:00
Swimming (G JV)	EXETER.....(H)	2:00
Track (B V)	Bowdoin.....(A)	TBA
Track (G V)	Bowdoin.....(A)	TBA
Wrestling (B V)	Nationals.....(A)	TBA

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

Wrestling (B V)	NEW ENGLANDS @ ANDOVER.....(H)	TBA
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SATURDAY, MARCH 7

Diving Girls	Interscholastics.....(A)	TBA
Swimming (G V)	Interschols (Exeter).....(A)	TBA
Track (G V)	Eastern States Meet.....(A)	TBA
Wrestling (B V)	NEW ENGLANDS ANDOVER.....(H)	TBA

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

Diving Boys	Interscholastics (Exeter).....(A)	TBA
Swimming (B V)	Interschols (Exeter).....(A)	TBA

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

Track (B V)	Nationals.....(A)	TBA
Track (G V)	Nationals.....(A)	TBA

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Karen Kennedy, Coach

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Nnamdi Okike, Captain
Leon Modeste, Coach

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Anna Cooper, Captain
Martha Fenton, Coach

BOYS' HOCKEY

Greg Berard, Captain
Chris Gurry, Coach

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Kimberly Ballard-Perrin & Grant Upson, Captains
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Courtenay Green, Captain
Tom Hodgson, Coach

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Peter Karlen, Captain
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BOYS' SWIMMING

Brenner Thomas, Captain
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SPORT: Basketball - Boys

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CAPTAIN: Nnamdi Oniye
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SEASON RECORD

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LETTER WINNERS

[Basketball - BV]
Bough, Geoffrey E.
Douglas, Candace N. (M)
Fall, Malick
Reighington, Brian A.
Hilley, Brendan S.
Meserole, Christopher C.
Okike, Nnamdi D. (C)
Qualter, Shaun E.
Rich, Charles P.
Tarantino, John S.
Voccola, Edward J.
Waugh, Juma O.
Williams, Beau M.

SQUAD STATISTICS

NAME AND HOME ADDRESS	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	CLASS	POSITION
10 Brendan Hilley	5'10	142	1999	
3 Juma Waugh	5'10	175	1998	
11 Edward J. Vaccola	5'10	163	1999	
12 Charles Rich	5'10	165	1998	
15 Christopher Meserole	6'1	225 180	1998	
24 John Tarantino	6'4	195	1998	
30 Geoffrey Bough	5'11	172	1999	
31 Beau Williams	6'4	205	1998	
13 Brian Heigington	6'2	175	1998	
32 Nnamdi Okiye	6'5	188	1998	
41 Malik Fall	6'5	195	1998	
44 Shawn Quigley	6'4	210	1998	

DATE OF CONTEST: 12/3/97

OPPONENT: Halden

WHERE PLAYED: Andover (Home)

RESULT: 75-70 (Phillips Academy won)

DATE OF CONTEST: 12/6/97.

OPPONENT:

Cushing

WHERE PLAYED:

Andover (Home)

RESULT:

57-49 (P.A. won)

DATE OF CONTEST: 12/13/97

OPPONENT: Thayer

WHERE PLAYED: Andover (Home)

RESULT: 61-79 (PA lost)

DATE OF CONTEST: 12/14/97

OPPONENT: Harvard

WHERE PLAYED: Andover (Home)

RESULT: 73-87 (Andover lost)

DATE OF CONTEST: 12/15/97

OPPONENT: Loomis-Chaffee

WHERE PLAYED: Loomis Chaffee

RESULT: 46-41 (Andover won)

DATE OF CONTEST: 12/16/97

OPPONENT: New Hampton

WHERE PLAYED: New Hampton

RESULT: 50-83 (PA lost)

DATE OF CONTEST: 1 / 10 / 98

OPPONENT: Choate

WHERE PLAYED: Andover (Home)

RESULT: 72-56 (P.A. won)

Basketball Pummels Choate

Andover's second half surge overpowers Choate's athletic frontcourt with 47 points

by Max Schurt
PHILIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

**Andover 72
Choate 56**

This winter Andover boys' basketball got off to a 4-3 start, disappointing but certainly not a sign that the team will not have a successful season. In the coming week, Andover looks to bolster its tournament chances and to avenge the three winter vacation losses. Already the team has played some excellent basketball and shown big game potential. A perimeter shooting team, Andover has beaten tough Cushing and Choate squads. However, right

now the team appears to be an off-again on-again team which will entertain the fans and win some big games. The ultimate goal of reaching the tournament looks realistic. Winning the tournament, however, has become nearly impossible with teams such as Wintehendon (eleven division one players), St. Thomas More, MCI, and New Hampton dominating the league.

Early in the season, Sean Qualter '98 has emerged as the team's star. Qualter can play any position; he can score from inside and out, rebound, pass, draw charges, break the press, you name it. Qualter does what he can to help the team, a task which might at times involve putting the team on his back and carrying the team to victory. The one drawback of relying so heavily on Qualter is that a weak performance from him could seriously damage the boys' chances.

Returning in the back court, Justin Vecceola '99, and Chris Meserole '98 are both off to good starts. For the first time in his career, Vecceola looks comfortable on the court. Playing at point

guard, he seems more confident with his role this year, has reduced his turnovers and increased his overall productivity. Vecceola teams up with sharp shooter Meserole, a returning starter, whose outside shooting makes him a valuable weapon and gives him a leading role in Andover's perimeter attack. Meserole, Qualter, and Vecceola create a ring of fire at the perimeter, opening up the post. Because of the nature of Andover's perimeter game, the back court will undoubtedly go a long way to determine the success of this basketball season.

In the front court Captain Nnamdi Okike '98 leads the Andover big men. Okike teams up with Malik Fall '98 and Beau Williams '98 to solidify the boards and make an interior presence felt. Okike mines size, experience, and athleticism as Andover's best inside weapon; his offense is necessary for not only scoring the actual points, but also making his inside presence felt to open up the perimeter game. The Okike, Fall, Williams trio so far have been sufficient rebounders and defenders, and when complemented by Qualter's size have made opponents on the blocks consistently. Andover's front court must keep up its defensive pressure to compensate when playing bigger guys. Malik has shown his rebounding and shot blocking ability but is still new to the game on offense.

Charlie Rich '98 and John Tarami, no '98 spark the Big Blue off of the bench. Rich's hustle and Tarami's size will be key assets to the team all year long.

Overall this Andover team gets ahead through hard work. This year's recipe for success mixes tough defense, holding opposing teams to



Shawn Qualters '98 led Andover's second half charge with aggressive play and accurate shooting. Here, he drains a shot from the perimeter.

about 60 points per game, with sharp perimeter shooting.

Choate

Saturday night the Andover Boys' Basketball team hosted Choate. The game was exciting—close in the first half, all Andover in the second, with a final score of 72-56. In the second half Andover played its best hoop since Truss Exory. Led by Qualter's 33 points, great interior play from Nnamdi Okike and some hustle ignited by Charlie Rich, the boys' team blew Choate off the floor.

Andover started the game slowly

Still the Big Blue managed to keep the score close in the first half by playing solid defense and allowing its opponents only one shot per possession. After coming out flat, Andover found itself trailing 27-25 at halftime.

Andover played a far superior brand of basketball in the second half. Qualter, who was relatively quiet in the first half, took over by netting 24 second half points. Also a big contribution was the clutch three-point shooting of Vecceola and Meserole. The Big Blue's hard working Defense stepped up the intensity when Charlie Rich entered the game. Rich's hustle

driving for loose balls and creating turnovers. Nnamdi Okike's seal and slam dunk put an emphatic exclamation point on the victory for the Big Blue. The game ended, Andover having outscored Choate 45 to 31 in the second half.

Andover comes into this week-end's big game against Taber with momentum. The Taber game, this Saturday at 7:00pm at home, is one of the biggest games of the year. The Andover-Taber game will not only provide the fans with the excitement of a close, well played game but also will have playoff implications.

Photo: J. MacNeil

DATE OF CONTEST: 1/17/98

OPPONENT: Tabor

WHERE PLAYED: Andover (Home)

RESULT: 57-67 (PA lost)

DATE OF CONTEST: 1/21/98

OPPONENT: Brewster Academy

WHERE PLAYED: Brewster Academy

RESULT: 84-37 (Andover won)

Basketball Falls to Tabor, Crushes Brewster

Justin Voccola '99 has improved of late, leading the Big Blue with a strong court presence, accurate passing, stingy defense and clutch three-point shooting

by Max Schorr

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Tabor	67
Andover	57
Andover	83
Brewster	24

Despite its loss to Tabor last Saturday night, the Andover boys' basketball team filled Borden Gym with excitement. It was a disappointing game for the home team, which fell short in its valiant come-back effort. Coming into the Tabor game, a big question asked was what Andover would do when Shaun Qualter '98 had an off-game. In the beginning the answer appeared to be that the boys would get blown out. However, as the game progressed, this answer changed. The boys showed tremendous character with their resilience as the team, led by captain Nnamdi Okike's '98 sterling performance, and stormed back with gutsy performances from all corners.

Tabor

Saturday's game against Tabor started out as a nightmare. When Andover came out playing man-to-man defense, Tabor capitalized on Andover's missed shots with fast breaks. After only a few minutes, Tabor had run all over Andover and had grabbed a 21-4 lead. Facing such an early deficit, Andover called a time out and switched to a 3-2 defense in an attempt to neutralize Tabor's running game. After this time out the game was entirely different. At this point Justin Voccola '99, playing what may prove to have been his break-out game, catalyzed the team, asserting order on the floor and drilling three crucial three-pointers. Stepping up alongside Voccola to close the deficit, Nnamdi Okike took control of the boards and scored 8 of his 14 points as Andover outscored Tabor 24-13 in the rest of the first half. This run, sparked by Charlie Rich's '98 and Beau Williams's '98 tremendous athleticism and intensity, brought the Big Blue back into the game. Chris

Meserole's '98 jump shot from the corner as time expired sent Andover into halftime trailing 34-28.

The second half started out positively as Meserole, who finished with 13 points, got hot from behind the arc and Andover closed the gap to 38-35. Unfortunately, this was the closest Andover could get. Tabor went on a 12-5 run, bringing the score to 50-40. Okike, who finished with 14 points and 11 rebounds, Voccola, who sank four 3 pointers and played his finest game at point guard, and Meserole kept the game close but could not overtake this excellent Tabor team. The game ended and Andover had lost by the final score of 67-57.

Although losing this game the Big Blue learned a lot about itself as a team. Still a .500 record this late in the season for this team begins to reflect the disappointment of last year. Lately, in a complete turnaround from last year's disappointing season, Andover has played terrific basketball. Now Andover basketball has arrived at a pivotal point in the season and the immediate future will determine where the season is headed. At 4-4, the team, playing good basketball, must string together some wins to improve its standing.

Brewster

This past Wednesday, Andover dominated Brewster 83-24 in a game that is a perennial blowout. Andover won easily and used the game as a tuneup for next week's showdown against Exeter. Standing out in the game was Meserole, who scored 27 points including seven three-pointers. Captain Okike dominated the boards with 22 rebounds and Voccola made things happen by assisting on eight buckets.

Andover did not seize control immediately and led by the score of 9-7 early. However, Andover from that point went on a 41-5 run for the remainder of the first half. This gigantic run was initiated with an Okike dunk and led by the spectacular shoot-

ing of Chris Meserole who nailed four of his seven three-pointers during this run. Key contributions to this stretch were Malick Fall's '98 rebounding and post play, Juma Waugh's '98 shooting, Brian Heighington's '98 rebounding and the team defense which was sparked by the hustle of Charlie Rich and Geoff Bough '99. The combination of a tenacious Andover defense and an overmatched Brewster team made the game ugly for the few Brew-

ster faithful. Andover went into halt time winning 50-12 and the second half equaled the first in ugliness.

After a solid week Andover has this weekend off to prepare for next Wednesday's dual with arch rival Exeter.

The next few games all match Andover with quality opponents and how Andover fares during this crucial stretch will go a long way in determining the overall success of the season.



Post-Graduate Shaun Qualter goes up for a shot. Though he's been off recently, he's been the team's MVP thus far.

Photo / J. Mitchell

DATE OF CONTEST: 1/28/98

OPPONENT: Exeter

WHERE PLAYED: Exeter

RESULT: 86-87 (P.A. loss)

Boys' Basketball Suffers Heartbreaker to Exeter

by Max Schorr
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Exeter 87
Andover 86



This past Wednesday, Andover hauled up to the swamplands of Coastal New Hampshire to face its arch-rival Exeter and lose in heartbreaking fashion. Andover had a whole week to prepare for but could not remain mentally disciplined for this contest. Exeter won by sinking a three-point shot with 1.3 seconds remaining. Such a loss is devastating regardless of the opponent—against a rival like Exeter it is intolerable. The one redeeming factor is that the two teams will square off again for the season's grand finale on Andover's home ground. After the game, Coach Modeste reflected this, by saying "This was no doubt a disappointing loss but we have them again and we can really gauge our improvement on that game. I look forward to that improvement."

The underlying truth holds that this loss marks an embarrassment. Andover definitely could have and should have pulled out a victory in this game. Fortunately for the Big Blue, Andover hosts this same Exeter team with a chance to improve its own performance in this meeting. Anything but a decisive win over the Exies in the final game will be disappointing.

Both teams came into this game short-handed; one of Exeter's key players

was lost for the season to an ACL injury, and Andover's captain Nnamdi Okike '98 was sidelined by illness. Beau Williams '98 stepped up his play to compensate for the missing Okike but Andover had to completely rely on its outside shooting for offense. Shaun Qualter's '98 30 points, Chris Meserole's '98 23 points and Justin Voccola's '99 16 points account for 82% of the team's scoring.

Exeter

The game started off quickly for the Big Blue, who quickly jumped out to a 15-6 lead scoring several three-pointers and led by Qualter, who tallied 8 of his game-high 30-points during this stretch. However, this nine point lead was the largest lead that either team would ever enjoy. The game tilted back and forth as both teams played hard but could only score from the perimeter and at half-time Andover led 37-34.

Without Okike's inside presence, Andover became perimeter team, relying solely on the three-point shooting of Qualter, Meserole, and Voccola. Still there are no excuses for Andover losing this game as the boys clearly had control of the game only to let it slip away. The Big Blue played hard physically but failed to establish themselves mentally thus allowing Exeter to hang around. Andover lost the size and rebounding it had when Williams fouled out with over five minutes remaining. Refusing to make friends with the clock Andover, leading 75-68, continued to run all over the place and once again lose its lead. The

their defense which continuously hindered all Nobles attacks. Berard played especially well in that first period until he was scored on mid-way through the period. Although down 1-0 and yet to have started much offensively, Andover had played very well for most of the first period. The score stood at 1-0 to start of the second period until post-graduate Mark Mahoney pulled the Blue even. Mahoney took a skilled drop pass from Brett Farson '99 and rifled the puck past the Nobles goalie tying the game. Shortly thereafter, though, disaster struck, as Nobles scored two goals on one shift quickly forcing the Blue to play comeback. Andover once again was plagued by a bad second period which put them behind. Although they skated just as well as Nobles and pushed forward to cut the deficit, the boys were unable to score before the second intermission. The third period continued similar to the first two, with Andover not able to

final two minutes were the most miserable of all for Andover. Andover, while leading, fouled Exeter four times in the final minute and a half. This stopped the clock while putting points on the board for Exeter. Aslo key, Exeter made all their free throws down the stretch while Andover missed about half of theirs. Usually the opposite happens, the team that is ahead holds onto the ball and ices the game with free throws. Andover seemingly had two opponents, Exeter and the clock. Exeter was not good enough to win on its own but was good enough to take the game when put in front of them. Exeter, down two points with eight seconds left, ended the game in story-book fashion when its ninth man drained a threepointer from the corner with only one tick on the clock.

Historically the first meeting of these two teams is surprising, and although this game finished dramatically as a whole it was not exceptional. Andover lost the game because of its lack of discipline on offense throughout the game and poor clock management in the final two minutes. Despite the second half's hard physical work whenever Andover grabbed a lead a mental lapse would lose it immediately.

Andover looks to use this tormenting defeat as motivation for the rest of the season. Andover travels to NMH to take on one of the better teams in the league this Saturday. Tournament hopes have diminished but a new fire has been ignited: to beat Exeter in the season's finale.

DATE OF CONTEST: 1 / 31 / 98

OPPONENT: NMH

WHERE PLAYED: NMH

RESULT: 38-61 (P.A. 6st)

DATE OF CONTEST: 2/4/98

OPPONENT: Bridgton Academy

WHERE PLAYED: P.A. (Home)

RESULT: 60-83 (P.A. loss)

Boys' Record Slides to 5-7 After Two Painful Losses

by Max Schorr

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

NMH	61
Andover	38
Bridgton	83
Andover	60



This past week Andover boys' basketball team played two of the league's best teams, NMH and Bridgton, and despite its good play lost both games by 23 points. Andover traveled to NMH to face the talented Hoggers and then hosted an even better Bridgton team. Both of these games challenged the Big Blue and called for Andover to play a slow down offense to keep the score down and maximize the chances for victory. The one drawback of this strategy turned out to be that with the perimeter nature of Andover's offense the slow down strategy forced the Big Blue's sharp shooters to pass up open shots thus keeping them out of sync. Still Andover's tenacity against such P.G. dominated teams will no doubt benefit the Big Blue in the long run.

NMH

Andover came into last Saturday's game at NMH knowing the home team would be tough to beat, this fact was compounded by the absence of captain Nnamdi Okike due to sickness. In preparing for the challenge, the Big Blue decided to slow down the tempo of the game in order to maximize its chances at winning. Thus Andover played a 2-3 zone defense to force the NMH Hoggers into this tempo and on offense proceeded to run the shot clock down on each possession. Andover used this strategy also knowing that it would frustrate the many Hogger PGs who perennially play as individuals rather than as a team.

The game started out at Andover's tempo, a molasses dripping pace, that angered the NMH players and fans. Early in the game the plan was working beautifully. Andover would carefully work a long possession for a

good shot while NMH would rush down the floor and force the first possible shot. Andover's patience contrasted magnificently with the frantic play of the Hoggers and, as Andover hoped, the NMH players began to separate and lose team unity by yelling at each other. The NMH players were "biting each others' heads off." As time steadily evaporated little had happened and Andover's game plan had kept the Big Blue hanging tough. The Big Blue's spirited defense led by Charlie Rich '98 stymied the potent NMH attack and kept the game low scoring. Malick Fall '98, Beau Williams '98, and John Tarantino '98, did a great job rebounding defensively thus holding NMH to one shot per possession and allowing Andover to control the game. However, things got worse when, just before halftime, Sean Qualter '98 went down with a mild ankle sprain, an injury that did not prevent him from returning later in the game but did make it easier for NMH to grab a 30-23 half time lead. Nonetheless the Big Blue had worked hard on defense, slowed down the pace of the game, and kept the score close at half time. Whether Andover could continue to slow the game down and frustrate NMH in the second half would determine how well Andover would fare.

However NMH came out with a 3-2 press that forced turnovers and enabled the Hoggers to run an up tempo game. Fast break points for NMH widened the gap and turnovers caused by the press gave NMH further control of the game. Still Andover continued to fight and equal the Hoggers play, with the strong interior performances of Fall and Tarantino. Voccola and Chris Meserole '98 who had both been hot of late could never get going because of the patient nature of the offense which made them pass up open shots to run time off the clock. Qualter who got off to a good start was nagged by his hurt ankle and could never fully get on track. Andover gave a strong performance but at game's end had lost 61-38.

Bridgton

On Saturday Andover hosted a multi-talented Bridgton team coming off two losses to Exeter and NMH. The team's interior was aided by the return of captain Okike. In this game, the Big Blue matched up against the best team they will play all year. Bridgton, the all-PG school, is in the midst of an excellent season and hopes for success in the tournament. Andover knew this game was going to be challenging and looked at it as an opportunity for an upset.

Andover came out with its slow down offense, but unfortunately also came out flat. The combination of these two anchored Andover scoreless for the first six minutes and created what Coach Mo called "a hill too big to climb." While Andover came out ice cold, Bridgton came out red hot and grabbed a 12-0 lead. Andover could not get anything going on offense and midway through the first half trailed 17-2. Andover's defense did the job but its lack of offense proved devastating as Andover looked to come back. Through the first 11 minutes Andover had not scored a field goal, but Qualter scored on a back door cut and got the team going at last, although trailing 24-4 with less than six minutes remaining in the first half. On the next possession Qualter scored again on a back door cut and the next time down the floor Voccola drained a three pointer. With four minutes left to play in the first half Andover had finally begun to play. Okike and Tarantino worked the boards and the team as a whole made their foul shots. Having gone 8 of 9 from the four line and scored 8 of its 15 first half points from the stripe, Andover had scrapped its way into half time trailing 34-15.

The second half began in opposite fashion to that of the first; Andover seemed less intimidated to take an open shot and thus started scoring from all corners. After 6 minutes Andover had equalled its first half scoring and chopped the deficit to 10, now trailing 40-30. However, at this point Bridgton flexed its muscles and regained a 20 point lead that would stand for the remainder of the game. Throughout the game, Bridgton showed exceptional team unity for a team that has only been together for one year with great interior passing that resulted in easy layups. Still, Andover showed some flurries; after falling behind 65-39 and calling a time out, Charlie Rich made two back door cut lay ups in consecutive possessions and Okike followed with a tip in to cut Bridgton's lead to 65-45 with seven minutes left. From that point on, the only cheers that came from the Andover faithful were those heard when crowd favorite Brendan Hilley '99 scored five consecutive points in the final five minutes.

Andover showed tremendous resilience and great fight as a team. The Big Blue never gave up even though it appeared that they were overmatched physically. The team is in what Coach Mo calls "a tough stretch" but he adds "If we continue to keep our heads up and play with purpose when we come out of this stretch we will be more prepared to face the teams that are more on our level." This stretch continues this Friday when the Big Blue hosts Thayer.

DATE OF CONTEST: 2/6/98

OPPONENT: Thayer

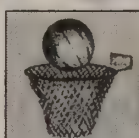
WHERE PLAYED: Thayer

RESULT: 69-79 (P.A. lost)

Qualter Leads Blue in Losing Effort with 35

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BOYS'
BASKETBALL

Last Friday, Andover traveled to Thayer to face a quick and physical team with a lot of talent. Andover, showing tremendous spirit, stayed with Thayer for most of the game, but eventually fell 79-69 to the ISL's top team.

Andover, led by the outside shooting of Shaun Qualter '98, who drained six three-pointers en route to 35 points, and Chris Meserole '98, fifteen points on five three-pointers, stuck with Thayer for the first half. Andover's defense was spirited by Charlie Rich '98 who came off the bench to ignite the team. Andover went into half time trailing 37-34.

In the second half, Andover continued to play well but unfortunately made several unforced turnovers. Beau Williams '98 made his inside presence felt getting Thayer's big guy, Q Randall, in foul trouble, but unfortunately for the Big Blue Malick Fall '98 and Nnamdi Okike '98 also found themselves in foul trouble. When both Fall and Okike fouled out with six minutes remaining Andover was only down 69-63. However, Thayer seized the moment and gathered momentum to make a run that Andover could not respond to. About this Coach Mo said, "When the other team hits the gas we've got to be ready to go." In foul trouble and in the bonus, Andover put Thayer on the free throw line and from there Thayer iced the game and brought the score to 79-69 at game's end.

This Friday Andover faces Beaver Country Day, the alma mater of current University of Kentucky point guard Wayne Turner BCD '95, and looks to break its four game losing streak. The signs from this week's practices have been encouraging. The rest of the season will tell whether or not Andover can emerge from this tough streak with success and a chance to salvage the season with avenging a loss against Exeter.

Andover Punished for Maintaining Academic Standards?

Last Friday Andover lost to Thayer thus dropping its record to 5-8 and stretching its losing streak to four games. The tough teams Andover has faced of late bring up interesting questions: Do upsets still exist in a NEPSAC? Can a team have success in a NEPSAC without recruiting an entire roster of PGs? How wide has the gap grown between the top and bottom teams of the league? How long will it take for the NEPSAC's class system to be reworked?

These questions arise when Andover faces teams such as NMH, with eight to ten PGs on its "A team" and three PGs on its "B team," Bridgton, a team of all PGs, and then Thayer with three players already signed to play Division I. "The gap between the league's top and bottom teams has widened significantly in recent years," commented Coach Mo, and he also said that he "would like to see NEPSAC's class A be divided into A and AA and that such a process is underway." Coach Mo does not criticize MCI, New Hampton, St. Thomas More, Cheshire, Winchenden, and NMH. He just acknowledges that these schools are different from Phillips Academy, and he said, "That they can keep going on the way they are going and that they are doing good things for kids, but that Andover will also keep going the way it's going." Phillips Academy stresses the student-athlete. That is fine and should continue, but it is unfortunate that Andover's best team with Titus Ivory, Corey Vandever, and Hugh Quattlebaum, after achieving a record of 21-4, lost in the first round of the tournament to MCI with MCI missing two starters. This should not happen. Andover basketball should be able to compete for a championship. However, with the current set-up still intact, Andover will continue facing challenges, playing hard, and maintaining its student-athlete standards, even though the goal of winning a league championship remains unrealistic.

Another concern brought out by the NEPSAC's widening gap in talent is that the possibility for upsets is nonexistent. The season's success for teams like Andover, Exeter, and Deerfield now is predetermined by how many PGs MCI, Winchenden, and the other top teams bring in. This year Winchenden has 11 Division One prospects but competes for the same title as Andover. Every year that the current system exists, the tournament championship will be fought over by the PG dominated teams. Andover usually has a couple of players who can play with the upper echelon of the league but may never have enough talent to compete or even have a reasonable chance at upsetting the Division One factories on top of the NEPSAC.

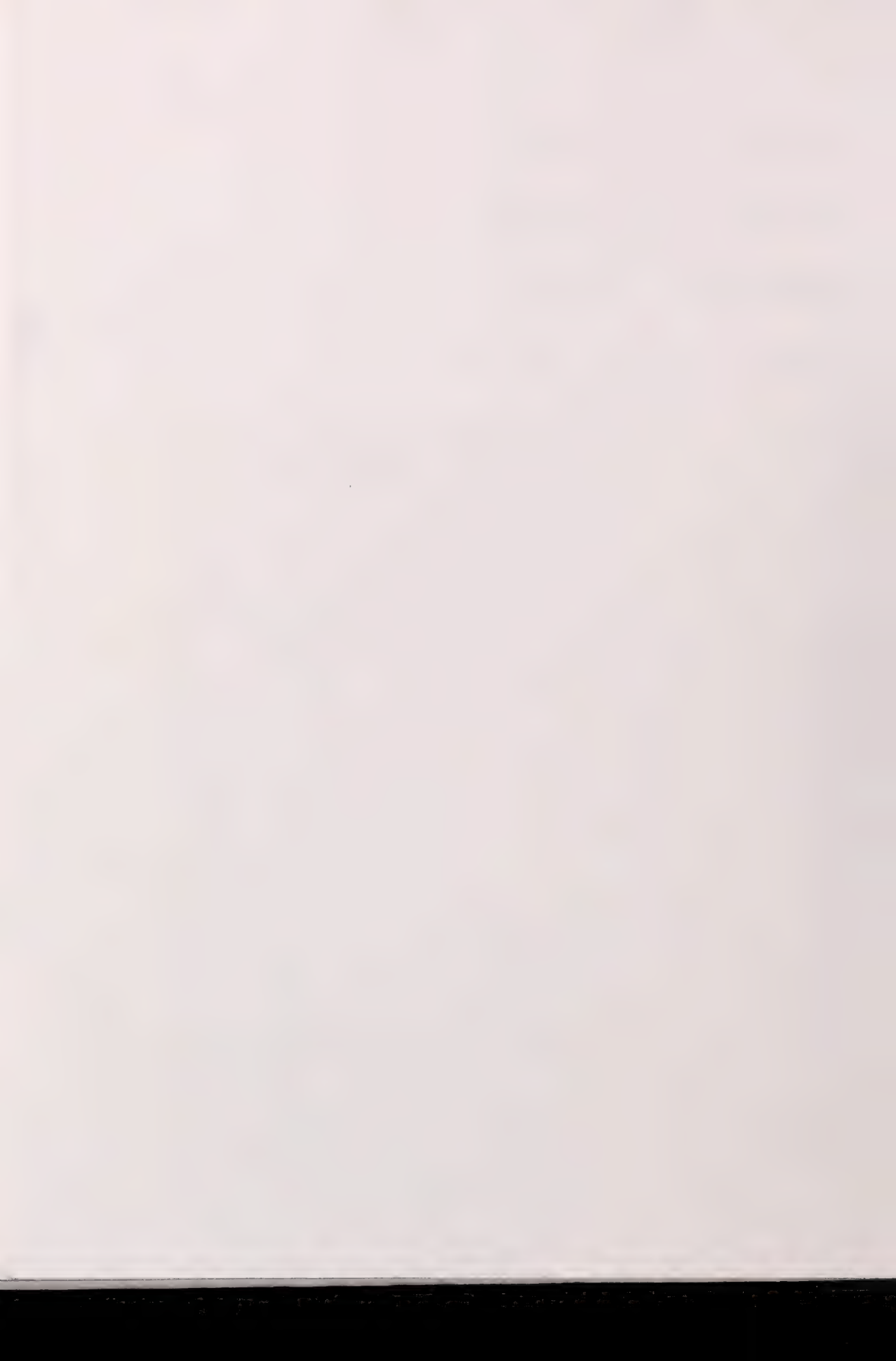
Overall Andover should keep NMH, New Hampton, and Bridgton on its schedule as challenges, but NEPSAC's Class A should be subdivided so that Andover, Exeter, Cushing, Thayer, Deerfield, Choate, and Tabor compete for a championship. This situation is currently being addressed and should be resolved in the near future.

DATE OF CONTEST: 2/13/98

OPPONENT: Beaver Country Day

WHERE PLAYED: PA (Home)

RESULT: 90-56 (PA won)



DATE OF CONTEST: 2/18/98

OPPONENT: Worcester

WHERE PLAYED: Worcester

RESULT: 38-85 (PA lost)

Basketball Handles BCD, Gets Pummeled by Worcester

by Alex Mantel

PHILIPPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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This week provided mixed results for the boys' basketball team. The Big Blue soared over



Beaver Country Day, but then suffered a big loss to Worcester Academy, pushing its record to 6-9. As Andover enters a three game homestand

against Deerfield, Exeter, and NMH, the Big Blue look to win out the remaining three games and finish the season with a .500 record.

Beaver Country Day

On Friday, Andover, hosting Beaver Country Day faced a must win situation in order to stop its four game losing streak. With a tough four games ahead of them, including games against, PG infested, Worcester and Northfield-Mount Hermon teams, it was important for the team to gain confidence as well as a much needed win. Both teams were neck and neck at the beginning of the game, until PA, obviously the better of the two teams, broke it open about midway through the first half. The key to the game was the Big Blue's ability to wear Beaver Country Day down as well as control the tempo. Andover's defense was excellent and everyone touched the ball on the offensive end, as the team played within themselves and had a great game against an obviously out-matched Beaver Country Day team.

Andover finally snapped its four game skid, beating the undermatched BCD team convincingly. The Big Blue's effort showed great character. Another key to the game for PA was bench play. Coach Leon Modeste said, "The bench was what really won the game for us," as John Tarantino '98 stepped up and played his best game of the season with sixteen points. Beau Williams '98 also made a solid contribution in the game with ten points, and starters Chris Meserole '98 and Shaun Qualter '98 put in twelve and twenty-nine points, respectively.

Andover enjoyed a break in its schedule and improved its record to 6-8. The Beaver Country Day Game also gave Andover a confidence boost as the Big Blue head into the season's stretch run. This was a good win for the boys but its next game against Worcester would test the Big Blue's big game play.

Worcester

On Wednesday, the Big Blue looked to feed off of the positive Beaver Country Day game, but instead were turned back by an extremely talented Worcester team. The Hilltoppers, containing ten PG's and no underclassmen, are one of NEPSAC's better teams. Worcester dominated the game from the outset and dropped Andover's season record to 6-9. The game is as frustrating as it is disappointing because Andover faced a superior defense.

Andover came out flat and Worcester blew it open early, never looking back. Andover's zone defense was ineffectual against the fine perimeter passing and outside shooting

of Worcester. It was tough for PA to get back into the flow of the game with the rebounding Worcester exhibited, as well as the 46-18 halftime lead Worcester had on them. Worcester combined excellent coaching and excellent talent with ten post graduates to run away with the game. The few bright spots of the game were the play of starters Malick Fall '98 and Shaun Qualter '98.

Hopefully, PA will be able to bounce back as they enter a three game home stand against NMH, Deerfield and Exeter. All three at home, these games more than any post-season tournament play will prove the yardstick of the boys' success. The boys expect tough matches against the former two, but it is particularly the Exeter game that the boys anticipate with excitement. With the loss of its best player, Ryan Hilley PEA '97 (Brother of current PA point guard Brendan Hilley '99) Exeter will come to Andover weakened.

Nevertheless, the game is always fiercely contested, and this year ought to prove no different. Said Hilley, "We're all incredibly pumped for the stretch-run, especially for the Exeter game. Returners from last year want revenge, and the new players on the team have gotten into the spirit. Hopefully good play in the frontcourt, by Nnamdi Okike and Malick Fall in particular, will pull us through the tough parts of the rest of the season." Coaches and players alike have commented on the marked improvement seen in Fall's rebounding and offensive abilities. Meserole is also excited, saying, "There's nobody I want to beat more than Exeter."

DATE OF CONTEST: 2/21/98

OPPONENT: NM4

WHERE PLAYED: PA (Home)

RESULT: 78-109 (P.A. lost)

DATE OF CONTEST: 2/25

OPPONENT: Deerfield

WHERE PLAYED: P.A. (Home)

RESULT: 73-64 (PA won)

Basketball Comes Up Short Against NMH Before Edging Out Deerfield

by Max Schorr
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Andover boys' basketball, hosting NMH and Deerfield, had a good week losing to NMH but

rebounding to beat Deerfield. The Big Blue performed at a high level for three of the four halves and gave the home crowd much to cheer about. Unfortunately for Andover the one half in which it played poorly, the second half of the NMH game, allowed NMH to win soundly by 35 points. However, Andover bounced back on Wednesday to outlast a capable Deerfield squad by the final score of 73-64.

Andover has faced many tough teams throughout the course of the season and, at times, has shown that the Big Blue can play with any of the teams. However, most of the time Andover cannot maintain its opponents' level of play for an entire game. The result is a season with flashes of brilliance, but that, on the whole, has been very disappointing. Still this disappointment may be better described as frustration because the reality of the season: Andover beats the teams at its level but loses to the schools that are willing to bring in more PG's - at the same time probably lowering the schools' academic standards. Andover has not, should not, and will not take this step. The frustration comes when the post season comes around or doesn't come around for Andover, Exeter, and Deerfield. Still, positives can come for the season: The Andover players have kept their heads up and played hard even with the odds opposing them.

NMH

On Saturday night Andover hosted NMH in front of a big home crowd at the Memorial Gym. Andover started out hot and matched the potent NMH offense, creating an up-tempo shoot-out and much excitement for the fans. In the opening minutes, Malick Fall '98, playing his best basketball, dominated play. During that stretch Fall scored the first seven points including a pull up three pointer in the defender's "face," stole the ball twice and emphatically rejected a Hogger lay-up attempt. The rest of the team feeding off of Fall's inspired play, picked up its level of play to hold the lead, control the game's tempo and bring the crowd to its feet. Andover put even more pressure on the Hoggers when Shaun Qualter '99 and Chris Meserole '98 simultaneously grew hot. Qualter, 32 points including six three pointers, and Meserole, five three pointers en route to 17 points, accounted for 49 of Andover's points, 33 of those points coming from the duo's three point field goals.

As Andover has demonstrated all season long, when Qualter and Meserole start making their three pointers Andover can stick with any team. Complementing Andover's fine perimeter shooting, captain Nnamdi Okike '99 started to work NMH's interior defense and control the boards. The inside-outside nature of Andover's offense tormented the Hogger defensive scheme, baffling its zones and flying by the Hogger full court press defensive scheme and kept piling points on the scoreboard. While Andover's offense scored, its defense faltered, allowing NMH to score, possession after possession, with ease and keep the game close. Even though Andover led for virtually all of the first half, NMH made a late surge to claim a 50-48 lead at half-time.

The crowd, thrilled with Andover's first half performance, wondered if the second half would match the first half. The second half belonged to NMH. The Hoggers tightened up on defense, widening the gap to ten points in the first two minutes of the half. Okike was in foul trouble for

much of the game which forced him to play cautiously.

Andover came out flat in the second half, having expended most of its energy in the first half and could not keep up with the up tempo Hogger pace. Physically NMH was superior, flexing its muscles in the second half as Andover tired out. NMH's lead stretched to 20 points midway through the second half. The combination of the tired legs of Andover's outside shooters and Okike's foul trouble caused the offense to fall apart just as NMH hit its stride. The score began to resemble a blow out. The patchy play of Andover in the second half had erased all of the positives brought out in the first half of play. Andover lost to NMH in a game more exciting than the score might indicate and exemplary of this season's frustration.

DEERFIELD

On Saturday Andover rebounded from its loss to NMH beating Deerfield, a team fairly equal to the Big Blue, by the score of 73-64, and upped its record to 7-10 on the season. Coach Mo remarked after the game, "We can play guys like us." This statement captures the essence of the season.

Back and forth the teams went in the first half, trading leads as each team settled down, neither team making a legitimate run or claiming any notable lead. Qualter, who drained three first half three pointers, and captain Okike who dominated the inside finishing with twenty points and ten rebounds, complemented each other nicely. Meserole matched up against Deerfield's star player, Billy Hart, and ate up the challenge. Meserole battled through his tough assignment by playing one of his finest games. Still the crown did not have much to cheer about early on until a Fall slam dunk aroused the fans. With authority, Fall slammed home the ball which sat on the front of the rim after a missed shot. The awesome display of athleticism by Fall gave the Big Blue momentum as the team grabbed a 36-31 half-time lead.

Andover came out flying in the second half and extended its lead to ten points at the sixteen minute mark. But Andover could not put Deerfield away, as the Big Green made a run of its own to take a 50-46 lead. When Andover starters needed a rest Jeff Bough '99 and Charlie Rich '98 picked up the slack defensively, coming off the bench and maintaining the starters' level of play. The critical point of the game had arrived. Deerfield had made a run and Andover's ability to respond would determine the outcome of the contest. Refusing to let themselves fall behind, the players responded with offensive rebounding. Okike grabbed an offensive board and laid it in and on the next possession Qualter did the same. Suddenly the score was tied at fifty. Deerfield made another run and led 57-54 when Meserole took over the game for Andover. Having neutralized Deerfield's best player and receiving key rest when Bough, in a great shift, took over guarding Hart, Meserole scored eight straight points, leading Andover on a 12-0 run as the Big Blue grabbed a 66-57 lead with two and a half minutes to play. Brendan Hilley '99 called Meserole's consecutive three pointers "the nail in the coffin." Earlier in the season Coach Mo said, "When the other team steps on the gas our guys must stay with them if they want a chance to win." Andover not only stayed with Deerfield it overtook the Big Green and controlled the final three minutes, finishing the game on top 73-64.

Andover, coming off a good week, hosts Exeter in the season finale on Saturday. The entire season rests on the outcome of this contest as the Big Blue looks to avenge its painful last second loss to the Exies earlier this season. Andover, at 7-10, can salvage the season with a victory against its arch-rival.



DATE OF CONTEST: 2/28

OPPONENT: Exeter

WHERE PLAYED: PA (Home)

RESULT: 76-61 (PA won)

Basketball Tops Exeter by 15

Andover boys' basketball, led by seniors Okike, Qualter, and Meserole, avenged its previous last second loss to Exeter with a convincing victory

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Andover 76
Exeter 61



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The Big Blue, with its victory, finished the season at 8-10. Andover had an up and down year but overall played better than its record indicates. Causing this misleading record, Andover played as well or better than most of the teams it faced but suffered let downs and could not maintain its play for the entire game. Still the convincing win over Exeter makes Andover's season successful.

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ball and converted the lay up, giving Andover a 20-9 lead after seven minutes. The officials let the teams play, leaving it up to the players to determine the outcome of the game. Andover gained momentum when Qualter rejected an Exeter lay-up attempt that led to an easy finish on the other end

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Throughout the first half, the penetration of Voccola and Qualter, the shooting of Meserole and the rebounding of Okike and Williams, keyed Andover's performance and widened the gap between the two teams. With only two minutes remaining in the half, Andover led 36-19 and looked to put Exeter away for good. However the Big Red went on an 8-2 run to finish the half, keeping its hopes alive. Andover, having outplayed Exeter for the duration of the first half, led the Exies 40-27 at half-time.

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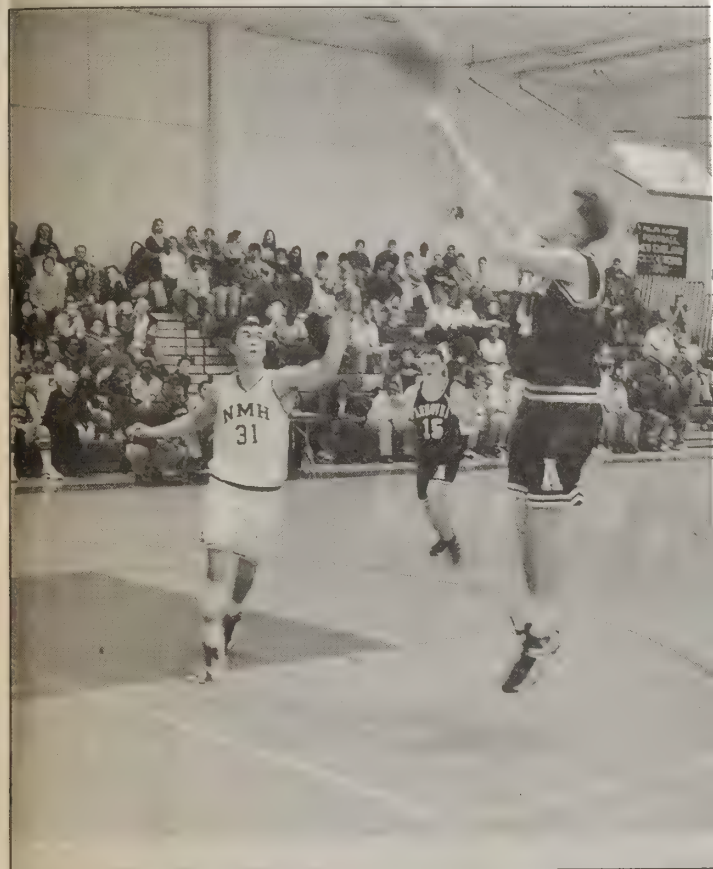
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Shaun Qualter '98 was instrumental in the boys' basketball victory over Exeter Saturday.

Photo



Boys' Basketball Endures Tough Season

6/7

by Max Schorr
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS EDITOR



The Andover boys' 1997-1998 basketball team had an up and down season. Losing to NMH by 35 after trailing by only two at half-time, was the low point of the season. The high point came at the end of the season when Andover beat Exeter. All season long Andover showed tremendous character, talent and will to win but struggled to sustain a high level of play for an entire game. Thus Andover played better than its 8-10 record suggests and although a misleading record usually spells disappointment, Andover, with its sound win over Exeter at the end of the winter, salvaged the season.

The team, over the course of the season, went through so much that its character and unity peeked at season's end. Captain Nnamdi Okike '98, Chris Meserole '98, and Shaun Qualter '98 led the Big Blue, providing senior leadership and excellent play. These three and seniors John Tarantino, Malick Fall, Brian Heighington, Charlie Rich, Juma Waugh and Beau Williams contributed to Andover on the court and off. The 1998 senior class monopolized the roster such that next year the team returns only three players, Justin Vocolla '99, Brendan Hilley '99 and Jeff Bough '99, all guards.

The negative side of the season undermined success and potential success with frustration. Frustration resulted from two problems, patchy play in losses and the inequality that is NEPSAC class A basketball. Andover usually played well but not for the entire game and its short lapses led to frustrating defeats.

The Big Blue got off to a strong start, defeating Governor Dummer and Brooks in scrimmages with Qualter dominating both contests. Continuing its success, Andover knocked off Cushing and Choate. However, Andover lost three of its four games during the winter break, beating Loomis Chaffee and losing to Harvard JV, New Hampton and Thayer. Andover crushed Brewer 83-24 to push its record to 5-4 midway through the season.

With a week to prepare, Andover traveled to the swamplands of coastal New Hampshire to face its arch rival, Exeter. The game ended in disappointment for the Big Blue with 1.3 seconds left. An Exeter reserve drilled a three pointer from the corner to steal the game from Andover. Pulling ahead only at the last second to win 87-86, Exeter shocked the Big Blue.

The loss came at a bad time for Andover who then headed into the toughest part of its schedule. Andover lost four more in a row to Tabor, NMH, Bridgton, and Thayer. Losing these games, Andover showed remarkable sportsmanship. Never did the players give up or not give their best. Even though this stretch dashed Andover's hopes for a post-season, it put even more importance on the second Exeter contest.

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Boys' Basketball Forced to Compete with D-1 Factories

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This season Andover, a solid team with a 8-0 record and no post-season birth, uncovered unpleasant detail hindering the state of NEPSAC basketball, the huge difference between NEPSAC's top and bottom teams. As they stand, typically, several elite teams with high academic standards compete for the championship while the teams with higher academic standards fail to qualify for the tournament.

Maine Central Institute (MCI) finished the season with an unblemished record, 35-0, a NEPSAC title and as arguably the best high school team in the country. Perhaps it is not realistic to call MCI, a team of all PGs and prop most of whom will go on to play at the next level and at least one of whom is a McDonald's American, a high school team. I do not see a problem with this professionalized school-one factory, I only have a problem with a team, derived in such a manner, competing for a championship with Andover and other.

In early February Andover endured a tough stretch against physically superior and PG dominated teams, dropping its record to 5-8 in four consecutive losses. The tough teams Andover faced in February bring up interesting questions: Do upsets still exist in NEPSAC basketball? Can a team have success in NEPSAC basketball without recruiting an entire roster of players? How wide has the gap grown between

the top and bottom teams of the league? How long will it take for the NEPSAC's class system to be reworked?

These questions arise when Andover faces New Hampton, a roster of PGs mostly bound for college basketball, then NMH, a team with eight to ten PGs on its "A team" and three PGs on its "B team," then Bridgton, a team of all PGs, and then Thayer with three players already signed to play Division I. "The gap between the league's top and bottom teams has widened significantly," commented the team's coach, Leon Modeste, and he also said that he "would like to see NEPSAC's class A be divided into A and AA and that such a process is underway."

Coach Mo does not criticize MCI, New Hampton, St. Thomas More, Cheshire, Winchenden, and NMH. He just acknowledges that these schools are different from Phillips Academy, and he said, "they can keep going on the way they are going and they are doing good things for kids, but Andover will also keep going the way it's going." Phillips Academy stresses the student-athlete. That is fine and should continue, but it is unfortunate that Andover's best team, the '95-'96 squad, with seniors Titus Ivory, Corey Vandever, and Hugh Quattlebaum, after achieving a record of 21-4, lost in the first round of the tournament to MCI with MCI missing two starters. This should not happen.

Andover basketball should be able to compete for a championship. However, with the current set-up still intact, Andover will continue facing challenges, playing hard, and maintaining its student-athlete standards, even though the goal of winning a league championship remains unrealistic.

Another concern brought out by the NEPSAC's

widening gap in talent is that upsets have become quite rare. Although basketball as a game invites upsets and the possibility of an upset will always exist, the possibility of a team putting a string of upsets together to make a title run, or for a non PG team to even make the playoffs has almost completely diminished.

The season's success for teams like Andover, Exeter, and Deerfield now is predetermined by how many PGs, or prop 48's MCI, Winchenden, and the other top teams bring in their school. This year Winchenden had eleven Division I prospects but competed for the same title as Andover, losing in the semi-finals. MCI, this year's championship team, counted on two of the top five point guards in the country to win the highly competitive title. MCI had one of the top non professional squads in New England this year. As one Andover player remarked, "they'd beat every college team in New England, except Boston College and the University of Connecticut and Boston University, actually BU would be in trouble. Yeah, BU would lose to MCI."

Every year that the current system exists, the tournament championship will be fought over by the PG dominated teams. Andover usually has a couple of players who can play with the big guns of the league but may never have enough talent to compete or even have a reasonable chance at upsetting the Division I factories on top of the NEPSAC.

Overall Andover should keep NMH, New Hampton, and Bridgton on its schedule as challenges, but NEPSAC's Class A should be subdivided so that Andover, Exeter, Cushing, Thayer, Deerfield, Choate, and Tabor compete for a championship. This situation is currently being addressed and should be resolved in the near future.

Shaun Qualter '98

"He works as hard as anyone we've ever had."

- Coach Leon Modeste

by Nick MacInnis
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS EDITOR

Central Catholic was 22-0, ranked first in New England, and looked almost unbeatable, heading into its state tourney game against Methuen High School. Having already beaten its rival, Methuen, three times during the year, Central was supposed to win easily as it looked ahead to the greater goal that the team had set at the beginning of the year, a state championship. Central lost that game, ending the career of among others, Shaun Qualter. This is the game that Qualter remembers as "the most memorable one of my high school career—a loss." This exemplifies what Shaun Qualter, a Salem NH native, is all about.

Heading into his senior season, Qualter anticipated a post-graduate year, and consequently had begun searching for the school that would fit him best. After a short search he and his family settled on Andover because of its reputation. Shaun applied only to Andover, much to Coach Modeste's delight, and when accepted, matriculated here last fall.

Upon arriving at Andover, Shaun decided to play football, something he hadn't done since his freshmen year. He says that because it was his last year of high school he felt he ought to give football one last try. I'm sure the fact that he lives in a dorm where four of the other seven members play football and the head coach, Coach Modeste his house counselor, played some factor too. Qualter became the starter at tight end and it was not before long that he became a favorite target of quarterback Kyle O'Brien '98. Qualter credits football with helping him assimilate into the Andover community by meeting new people. But even during his success on the gridiron, the talk about Shaun's athletic prowess always centered on his ability on the basketball court.

In the early stages of practice for the basketball team Coach Mo stopped the practice to explain to every member of the team that Shaun had the "green light" to do whatever he wanted; in other words he was the man. Qualter immediately dazzled the fans with his ability to score, especially with the three point shot. That outside shot, surprisingly enough, was not always a part of Shaun's game. In fact, he says that that was the part of his game he has worked on the most over the past couple years, and after his three-point efficiency this past season, it is safe to say that it was time well

spent. In an early contest against Thayer, Shaun showed the Andover faithful what to expect scoring 35 points, rebounding, passing, and drawing charges, something that became a trademark of his game. Shaun in this game and throughout the season showed that he was as Coach Mo said, "a complete player in every sense of the word." He was versatile, playing anywhere from point-guard to playing on the post and he was very unselfish.

Qualter started playing basketball at the age of four, under the guidance of his older sister, a former standout at Salem High School and his dad, a coach. From a young age Qualter always knew he would pursue his

said, a very natural one. Coming from a program at Central Catholic where losing is not an option to a team like this year's Andover one, who went 7-12, was quite an adjustment for Shaun. But he, no matter what the score, was always on the court giving a tremendous effort. After the game, if Andover had lost, Qualter would not sulk, he would just prepare for the next game. As Coach Modeste said, "If you saw Shaun in the locker room after the game you would not know whether we had won or lost, because he was already preparing for the next game." The '97-'98 Andover campaign was shall we say, up and down, but throughout it all Shaun maintained a positive attitude, something that, although unnoticed by most, is invaluable to a struggling team.

Obviously, though, as is the case for any athlete, Shaun did get frustrated at points this season. One game, against NMH, where Andover was down by only two at half-time, but lost by 35, definitely sticks out for Shaun as the low point of the season. He was no frustrated that the team lost, but at the fact that the players had played so well for one half, creating the realistic hope of an upset, but then played so poorly in the second half.

The highlight of not only the team's season, but also his, he felt, was the win against Exeter.

After suffering a heartbreaking last-second loss at Exeter, just three weeks earlier, soundly beating them at home in his last game as a member of the Big Blue was some sweet revenge.

Off the court Shaun is, what Modeste describes as, "a model citizen." He is a very conscientious worker and has the perfect work ethic for any young scholar-athlete to look up to and model. Shaun prefers to stay in the northeast for college and is looking to pursue his career at either, Tufts, Bentley, St. Anselems, or Northeastern.

In the day of naturally gifted, lazy athletes, even as far down as the high school level, it is refreshing to see a kid like Shaun, who despite his awesome ability, continues to work very hard and set good examples for young kids. No matter what career Shaun chooses to pursue in life, you get the feeling after talking to him and the people around him that he will be successful, which, in the end, is a trait that will take him well farther than will his ability to shoot a three-pointer.



career through college, but it did not always come easy. Every one around Shaun marvels at his work ethic, something that, more and more, seems conspicuously absent from high school athletes. When Shaun was not a great shooter his first three years at Central, he went out, practiced his jump shot, and became, when left open, almost automatic from behind the arc. In one game this season, against NMH, Shaun scored 30 points, including six three-pointers. Shaun, although not possessing great foot speed, was a very good one-on-one player, and, as a result, often found himself double and triple teamed. This double and triple teaming, which ultimately led to a lower point production, would frustrate most kids. Not Shaun, he just used the opportunity to show his passing ability, and don't get disillusioned, he still scored some points.

Even during the early parts of the season Shaun displayed excellent leadership skills. He was a two-year captain at his former school, so his leadership role at Andover was as he

Chris Meserole '98

"He's quite a shooter. Through the year Chris' clutch shooting was a great asset to the team."

Justin Voccia '99

by Kate Macmillan

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

The boys' varsity basketball team ended its season at 8-10, with its final two games ending in victory. On Wednesday, February 25, Andover hosted Deerfield, a team who the Blue expected to be a tough opponent. Deerfield definitely came out fighting, and led the Blue until there was only four minutes remaining in the game. With his team down by three, shooting guard Chris Meserole took over, and proceeded to score eight straight unanswered points en route to a 73-64 Andover win.

Chris finished the game with an impressive 19 points and dominated the boards with ten rebounds, which is also pretty outstanding, considering Chris is a shooting guard with a specialty for outside shooting. On top of such a superb offensive showing, Chris was pretty scrappy on defense as well. While the rest of the team played a zone defense, it was his responsibility to mark Deerfield's star player, Billy Hart, man-to-man. Apparently Chris shut him down, for Hart was simply unable to play with his usual dominance due to his tenacious defender.

Not only in the Deerfield win, but all season, was Chris a force on the court. He averaged between twelve and thirteen points per game, and it would seem that he had a certain penchant for shooting three pointers. Yes, it can definitely be assumed that Chris has made his impact upon the Andover basketball program, yet, to the surprise of most, he only joined the squad last year, as a new upper.

The road on which Chris Meserole has made his basketball journey is a long and winding one. He joined his first organized team, which was part of a town league, when he was in the second grade. Although the league rules mandated that players be in at least the third grade, Chris wanted to play with his brother, two years his elder, and so he was allowed on the team. He continued to play in town leagues until the age of 12, when he played on the junior varsity team at the Stony Brook school on Long Island, where he grew up. As soon as he entered the ninth grade at Stony Brook Chris joined the varsity team, on which he played with his brother. He continued on this team through the eleventh grade, at which point his brother, and most of their mutual friends were about to graduate. Ever since he had skipped the fifth grade, Chris' father had told him he would probably end up doing a PG year at one point or another. After Chris' junior year, when most of his friends were leaving his school, a PG

year, or a year repeated, began looking awfully good to him. After applying to different schools, Chris finally decided on repeating eleventh grade at Andover, where, ironically, he says he "came for baseball."

Upon arriving here last fall, Chris initially had a little bit of trouble adjusting for he didn't play a fall sport. By the time basketball season rolled around, however, he was already quite busy making a name for himself. While the team had only an average season, Chris had definitely established himself as one of the team's key players, and was a great part of this year's core of returning players. He also played on the baseball team and will continue to do so this spring.

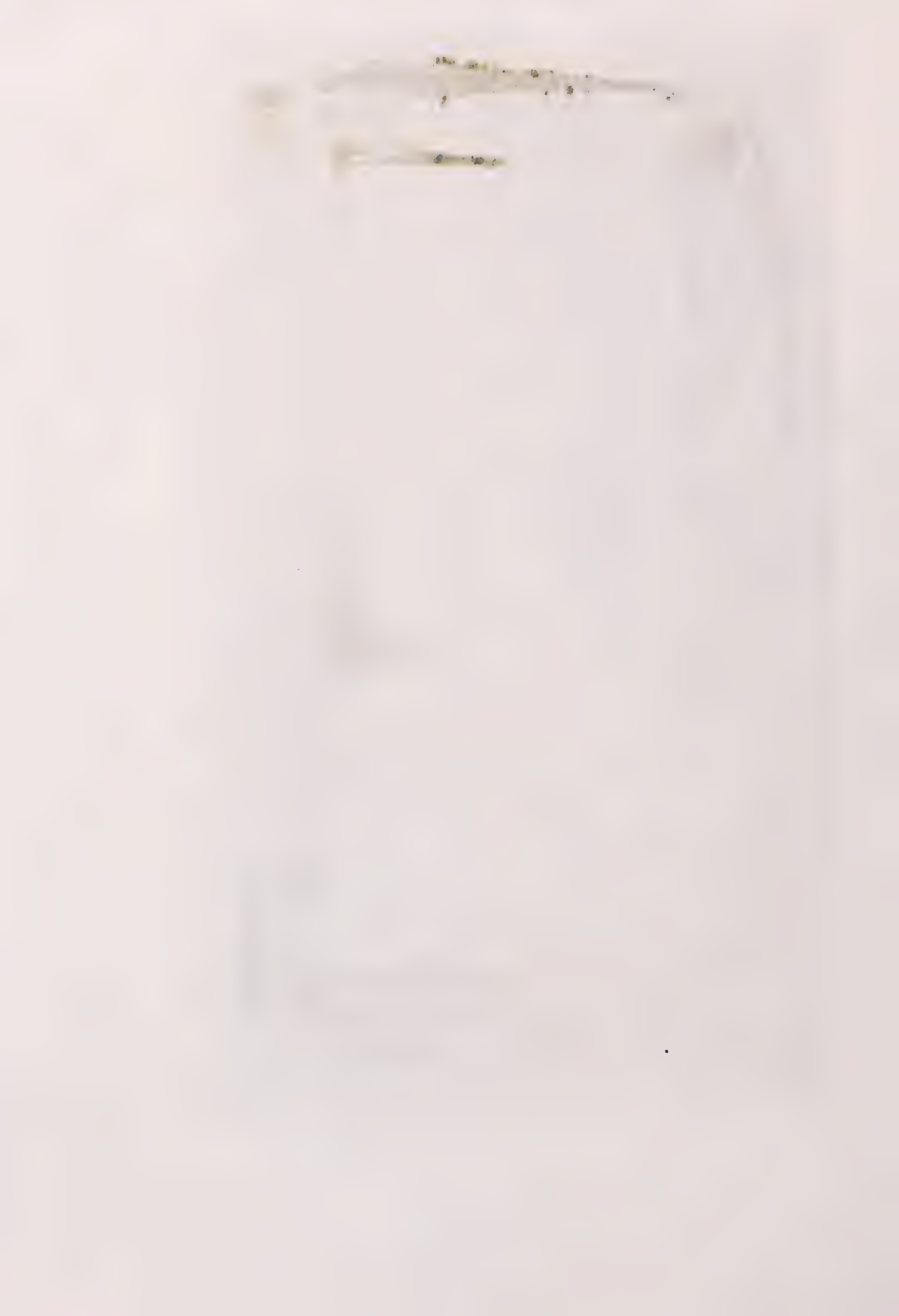
It was Chris' terrific basketball



showing, however, that surprised everyone, including himself, the most. He never expected basketball to be his number one sport, yet somehow it has simply evolved into it. Chris hopes to continue playing basketball in college, but where remains to be seen. He has already been accepted at UNC-Chapel Hill, although playing there would be quite difficult. He lists Williams, Harvard, and Princeton among his top choices, and these are all schools where a basketball career for Chris is quite feasible.

No matter where Chris ends up, however, he will surely bring his tremendous skills that he has been building all of his life with him. He credits his old coach at Stony Brook, Mr. Hickey, with instilling such a knack for the game within him. It was Hickey who played with him during the summers, helping him improve on his game, when he could have just been "sitting around." It was also Hickey who coached him through the majority of his career thus far, and a coach like that usually does tend to inspire his players in one way or another.

The basketball season has come to an end, and thus, so has Chris Meserole's basketball career at Andover. But, Chris' basketball career will continue, and some college will be fortunate to have Chris as a member of their team and community next year.



SPORT: GIRLS' BASKETBALL

YEAR: 1997-98

CAPTAIN: Alicia Dermody
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: Karen Kennedy
ASSISTANT COACHES:

SEASON RECORD

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Ajose, Olubunmi A.
Akade, Aimionozomo O.
Anneberg, Christine H.
Bramwell, Elizabeth B.
Cloonan, Christine M.
Coffey, Claire M.
Cross, Amanda P.
Dermody, Alicia B. (c)
Kutz-Thornton, Karen
Okike, Christine A.
Siliato, Elizabeth J.
Stoj, Amelia B.
Ting, Jessie (M)
Tsai, Lauren E.
Woodin, Heather K.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL - 1997-98

			PA	OPP
Wed., Nov. 19	Milton scrimmage	(H)	No	score
Sat., Nov. 22	Brooks Scrimmage	(H)	No	score
Wed., Dec. 3	Brewster	(H)	58	17
Sat., Dec. 13	Thayer (scrimmage)	(H)	32	41
Sun., Dec. 14	Harvard	(H)	47	59
Mon., Dec. 15	Loomis Chaffee	(A)	55	63
Tues., Dec. 16	New Hampton	(A)		
Sat., Jan. 10	Choate	(H)	65	22
Wed., Jan. 14	Andover High	(A)		scrimmage
Sat., Jan. 17	Milton	(A)	40	53
Wed., Jan. 21	N.M.H.	(A)	52	44
Sat., Jan. 24	Deerfield	(H)	40	59
Wed., Jan. 28	N.A.P.S.	(H)	69	53
Sat., Jan. 31	Tabor	(A)	30	48
Wed., Feb. 4	Cushing	(H)	54	26
Sat., Feb. 7	Exeter	(A)	40	46
Wed., Feb. 11	St. Paul's	(A)	56	48
Fri., Feb. 13	Andover scrimmage	(H)		scrimmage
Wed., Feb. 18	B.B. & N	(H)	58	36
Sat., Feb. 21	N.M.H.	(H)	49	42
Wed., Feb. 25	Tilton	(H)	47	42
Sat., Feb. 28	Exeter	(H)	49	55
Wed., Mar. 4	Deerfield (tournament)	(A)	51	60

Girls' Basketball Extends Record to 3-1 With Easy Victory Over Choate

by Eli Kagan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover 65
Choate 22

With excellent team play and a fine pool of talent, the girls' varsity basketball team surged to an impressive 3-1 record this week, defeating Choate by a commanding margin, 65-22. The girls have been successful thus far because, in the words of their head coach Karen Kennedy, "We have a lot of new kids, it's fun, and we're young."

After a fine season last year, in which Andover took second in the New England tournament, the girls hoped to have another exceptional season. After losing players like Steph Hunter '97 to graduation, the team looked to its youth for strong play, and to its captain Alicia Dermody '98 for leadership. Because of an off season ACL injury, though, Dermody was rendered inactive for the season. The outlook for the winter was questionable.

Brewster

In their first game of the season, the girls faced Brewster Academy in a game that provided the girls with a frame of reference as to what they could expect throughout the season. The game did just that, as Andover proved that it was once again a strong force in girls' basketball, winning 58-17. The game showed how good the Blue can be with all cylinders clicking at the same time. With three players scoring in double digits, Andover proved it had an extremely balanced attack.

Loomis-Chaffee

Next, the girls faced Loomis Chaffee, a team that always gives Andover tough competition. Despite strong play from Momo Akade '00 and Liz Siliato '98, who scored 21 and 15 points respectively, the team lost in a close game by a score of 63-55. The difference in the game seemed to be the limited bench scoring for the Blue, as 46 of 55 total points came from three starting players.

New Hampton

In its third game of the season, Andover faced New Hampton, and won by the convincing score of 45-29. In the victory, stand-out center Liz Bramwell '00 scored a team-high 14 points, pulled down seven rebounds, and had two steals. Her play was key for the Blue as she controlled the paint, and played imposing defense.

Choate

In their most recent game, this past Saturday, the

girls defeated Choate in solid fashion, adding an exclamation point to their already fine season. Utilizing its "run" offense and pressure defense, the team outplayed Choate in an excellent all-out team effort. Coach Kennedy remarked after the game that, "It was a pleasant surprise. Everything worked." She later commented that the girls' play was even more amazing considering the short amount of practice time the team had after vacation. In the game, Andover spread the ball around exceptionally well, as four players scored in double digits. Claire Coffey put together what was likely her best game of the young season, going 5-10 from the field, and pulling down 8 rebounds. Also having yet another great game, Liz Bramwell '00, scored 15 points and had 7 rebounds.

The team's play thus far has been excellent. As a

group they have evolved into a hard working and thoroughly skilled squad. Coach Kennedy explained that though the team hasn't set specific goals for itself this early in the season, they hope to keep improving every day. Hopefully the team will see development across the board as the season continues to progress.

On Wednesday the girls scrimmaged Andover High. The Andover High School team is rated one of the top teams in the entire state of Massachusetts. In spite of the this, the girls played extremely aggressively, and the competition was a learning experience for all. Saturday, the girls face Milton, a team that will in all likelihood give Andover one of its most difficult games of the season. But Gunga's girls are prepared and enthusiastic for each new challenge.



The girls' basketball team obliterated Choate in one of the most dominating victories in recent memory.

Photo / J. Mitchell

Girls' Basketball Team Splits Two Night Contests with Milton, NMH

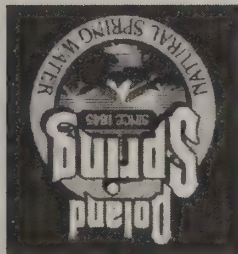
by Eli Kagan

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Despite a tough loss Saturday to Milton, the

Tara Soraghan '99 spent last night on the Maine Coast. She was the Phillips Academy student to participate in the program. Tara, along with 35 students from public and private schools across the country, live in cabins on a farm in Wisconsin.



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their story according to Paul.

Paul Okner, along with Sha Bronstein '98, Armanda Schneider '99 and a chap one, braved the cold, bad food, and all gap and fall term away from Andover to study in Russia. Okner, the others, had fulfilled the requirement for the program: he had studied Russian for at least three years. Their story according to Paul.

true: Siberia is snowy and cold a probably not where I would want spend a fall term. Why did they

On December 19, Bella's and my experience came to a close. I had hoped that day would never come. Unfortunately, it came all too soon. All forty-five students had become close,

The school did not require us to do to make it potable. nearby stream and added iodine tablets to give announcements and updates. At 7:15 we ate breakfast. Then at 7:40 we had a morning meeting, a time to prepare breakfast.

On one of the weekends, all the students were away on solos. At the end of September, for four days and three nights, I lived in the woods by myself. I did not talk to anyone, I did not see anyone, I did not hear anyone. To say the least, it was a new experience. My shelter was made out of ropes and a tarp. I mainly ate bagels, cheese, and apples. I got water from a nearby stream and added iodine tablets to make it potable.

The amount of work might have been a little less than that which we get here, but that is only because we had less time to do the work there.

At the beginning of the term, the work on the farm primarily consisted of harvesting crops: watermelons, cantaloupes, cucumbers, corn, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, parsley, pumpkins, beans, cabbage, potatoes, squash,

At 12:15, we all ate lunch together and were then free until 1:15, when afternoon activities began. During this time, students worked on the farm, mopped the dining hall, chopped wood, went cross country skiing and rock climbing, or built a barn.

Every morning, students had a chore to do before breakfast. These morning chores took between fifteen and forty-five minutes. Every two weeks we were given a new chore. Students were responsible for cleaning the dorm common room/bathroom, sweeping the classrooms, taking the compost outside, feeding the chickens, turkeys, cows, and sheep, and helping to prepare breakfast.

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Girls' Basketball Rebounds After Tough Deerfield Loss With Naval Academy Prep School Victory

by Eli Kagan

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Andover 59
Deerfield 40

Andover 69
NAPS 53

The girls' basketball team was once again even for the week, losing to a strong Deerfield

team on Saturday 59-40, and then later on Wednesday coming back to defeat Naval Academy Prep School by a score of 69-53.

Andover moved to a 6-4 record after these games, and is looking forward to its upcoming match against league leader Tabor this Saturday, which looks to be a very difficult challenge.

That the team has relied on its guard play is evident, and Momo Akade '00 has been forced to step up and lead the team all year at the point guard position.

Her passing and shooting has kept the girls in many of their games, not the least of which was the most recent contest against Naval Academy Prep School.

Deerfield

Behind the leadership of new court captains Liz Siliato '98 and Claire Coffey '99, the Blue wanted to enter the game utilizing its superior size and aggressive defense. But the Deerfield team was simply too skilled to be bullied on the court by the PA squad. Andover attempted to break Deerfield's half and full court press defenses, but was unsuccessful, and, in the words of Coach Kennedy, "in the first half, they handled us."

In fact, the Deerfield team actually outsized the blue, forcing Andover out of its preset game plan. Deerfield then succeeded in running out to an early lead, leading at the half by a score of 33-18. Deerfield held on the for the remainder of the afternoon. When asked about her feelings on the game, Head Coach Kennedy responded by commenting on Deerfield's excellent talent, later stressing that Deerfield's older players were the main difference, as two of their seniors scored half of their points. In fact, this age difference has been a problem for the girls all year. Because of their youth and lack of court experience, the young Andover team has been susceptible to

older, more experienced teams that have been able to get ahead early and ride out the second half.

In the game, Karen Kutz-Thornton and Claire Coffey lead the team, each scoring nine points. Liz Bramwell also played well, adding six and pulling down 8 rebounds. Overall for the Blue, poor shot selection and a lot of unlucky rolls allowed the Deerfield team to control the game and come out victorious.

NAPS

Wednesday, against a good Naval Academy Prep School team, the girls showed that they could play with any team in Preps. Winning 69-53, Andover played very well controlling every aspect of the game.

Defensively, they ran a strong pressure defense, and as usual, the girls ran the court on offense. Shooting much better from the line as well as the field, the Blue led at half time 38-33. However late in the fourth quarter, Andover forward Claire Coffey fouled out, after adding ten points and nine rebounds.

In the second half, led by strong bench play, Andover increased its

lead, and put away the Naval Academy team. Andover received amazing play from lower center Liz Bramwell, who scored a total of 17 points that day, hitting seven of ten free throws, and pulling down seven rebounds. The point total was her highest game total for the season. Also playing well was the team's "sixth woman", Christine Okike '01, who in Coffey's absence scored seven points and had six rebounds. The rest of the bench also played well, as both Christine Annenberg '00 and Heather Woodin '01 scored six.

Both games for the Blue were learning experiences. Against NAPS the Blue tried to work out some of the kinks in its defensive plan. This task, along with a week of hard practice, should help the Blue prepare for Saturday's meeting with Tabor. The competition should be a difficult one for Andover, as Tabor is the best team in the entire league.

Having worked well against NAPS, the girls will continue to practice their passing, and will go into the game against Tabor looking to play tight defense, control the boards, and win.



Top Ranked Labor Downs Girls Basketball

by Eli Kagan

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Tabor	48
Andover	30
Andover	54
Cushing	28

Last Saturday the girls' varsity basketball team faced the top team in the league, Tabor,

and lost 30-48, despite a 21-20 half time lead.

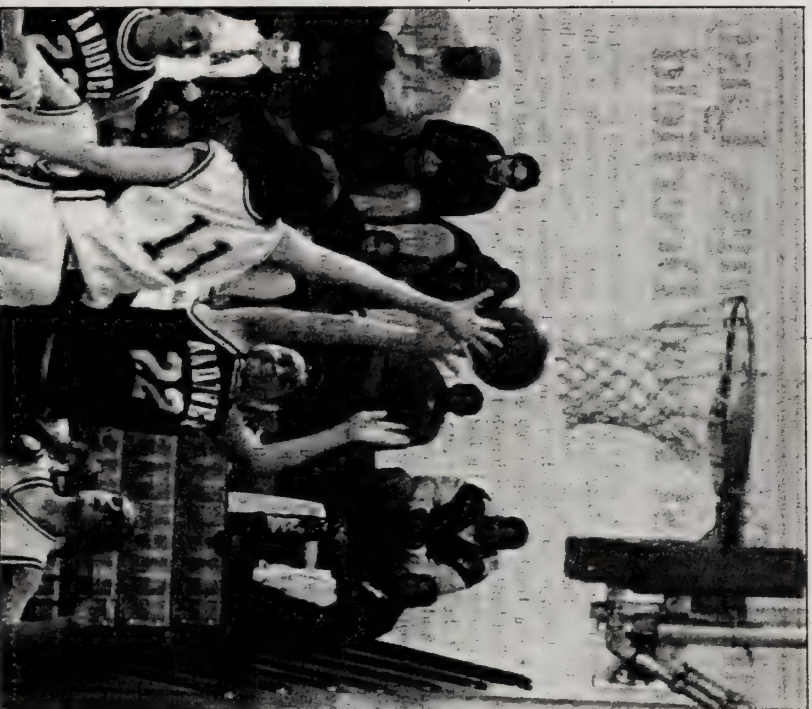
This loss for the girls, though disappointing, proved that they could play with the best, as they showed in the first

half of the game. Later in the week on Wednesday, the Blue pounded an inferior Cushing team, using its fast offense to run ahead to a 14-2 lead in the beginning of the game. After removing the starters from play early in both halves, Andover pushed the lead past 20, and finished on top by a score of 54-28.



Tabor

Against Tabor, Andover hoped to play aggressively against the best team around. Though there is actually some question as to which team is truly number one, the Tabor squad is right in the mix. Knowing this, Gunga's girls played the first half as well as any other that they have played all season. After the game, Coach Kennedy said that "it was the first time we put together 16 minutes of solid play both offensively and defensively." She later pointed out that the girls' excellent play was a good way to end the first half of the season, and a great place for the team to start the second half. With a one point half time lead, the girls



Andover obliterated Cushing with aggressive interior play on Wednesday.

Photo / J. Mitchell

went into the locker room, confident and enthusiastic about their fine play early in the game.

In the second half, however, the girls folded to the increased pressure of the Tabor team. While they played with intensity in the first half, it seemed that they were definitely losing it in the second. And at times it just seemed like the girls could not make a

Cushing

Against a much weakened Cushing team (caused by the loss of their best player), Andover dominated early and put the game away in the first half, running out to an amazing 14-2 lead on the strength of its press defense. The lead was increased to 24 by the end of the first half, as the Blue led 32-8. In fact, the team's starters were subbed out early in the game, giving the bench playing time. Despite her early departure, team center Liz Bramwell had another awesome performance, scoring 18 points and pulling down two rebounds. Also having a fine game was Christine Amnberg, who added four points, four steals, five rebounds, and three assists. In the second half the team once again played well, but only outscored Cushing 22-20. In the half, the girls worked on their offensive plays and tried to gain more defensive experience as Coach Kennedy recently installed a new defense.

The week for the Blue was in a sense an average one, as the team went only 1-1. But, on the other hand, the young PA squad played head to head with a top league rival, and then went on to defeat Cushing. Realistically, the loss should be thought of as nothing more than a learning experience for the girls, one which they will likely draw from in the latter half of the season which is now upon them. On Saturday, Andover will face school rival Exeter. The Red squad this season is by all accounts excellent. The Blue will finish off this week before the Exeter game by working on its rebounding, press-break and press defense, and the execution of its "run" offense.

Girls' Basketball Falls in Heartbreaker to Exeter, Rebounds vs. St. Paul's

by Eli Kagan

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Exeter	46
Andover	40
Andover	56
St. Paul's	48



Plagued by inconsistent play, the Girls lost to a fine Exeter team last Saturday 40-46,

but redeemed themselves later in the week, by defeating an athletic St. Pauls team 56-48. This Friday, the team will face Andover High, and

will gain valuable game experience, against the best team in the state. Then on Wednesday, the Girls will face BBN, and will try to pick up some momentum, as they begin to get closer to the post-season.

Exeter

Last Saturday, the Big Blue fell short in its effort to win against school rival Exeter. Despite decent overall play, a series of scoreless runs by Exeter forced Andover into a game of catch-up. Though the Blue narrowed the margin at the half to one, they again fell victim to Exeter's aggressiveness to the ball in the second. Coach Kennedy characterized Exeter's loose ball effort as 'scrappy', as the Red recovered countless turnovers. Andover repeatedly allowed the Red to score their second and third shot opportunities, simply because the girls were not effectively boxing-out the Red front court. On offense, Exeter recovered loose balls, and played picky defense, stymieing the Blue's continuity. Andover saw its chances of winning diminish as it tried to get back into the game, but couldn't catch up. The final score was 40-46, in favor of

Exeter.

St. Paul's

After two hard days of practice, the girls traveled to St. Pauls, where they attempted to utilize their new trap defense, and a slightly modified offense to defeat a St. Pauls team that was 16-3 going into the competition. The team won by a score of 56-48. Andover executed its offense to near perfection, and shut down the St. Pauls outside shooting game, which allowed the Big Blue to role onto victory. Liz Bramwell f00 commented after the win, that ieverybody seemed to pull together. This fact was key for the Blue, as it received fine play from everyone. Coach Kennedy added that she was ipleased with the intensity over all. She summed the game up by saying, iwe were focussed, and when we came to hurdles, we didn't struggle a lot going over them. The key difference for Andover was its improved rebounding, and superior interior passing, which killed the St. Paul's defense, which could match-up with Andover inside.

In the game, Center Liz Bramwell had 15 points and 10 rebounds. Her play this season has been excellent across the board, foreshadowing what will likely be an amazing career here at Andover. Also having a great game, was Karen Kutz-Thornton f98, who scored 12 points, and added 4 assists and had two steals. As a team, the Blue shot a much-improved 54% from the floor, and an excellent 72% from the line. Point guard Momo Akade f00 cleaned up from outside, netting three 3's, and scoring 12 overall.

The girls will continue to work on execution as a major theme in their game plan, and hope to continue to make use of the pressure defense. In

addition, they hope to continue to make the little adjustments during the games, which can make a big difference. These changes, along with continued hard work, will likely help to qualify the girls for the New England tournament, which is rapidly approaching. Last year the team made a Cinderella run through the tournament, making it all the way to the final round, before losing in the finals. If their goal is to repeat last year's success, a good place to start would be this Friday against Andover High.

Andover High's team looks good this year and a win would certainly put a little hop in the steps of the girls. Team leaders Coffey, Stoj, and Akade must step up and play to their full potential as well as inspiring their teammates to do the same. They know what needs to be done. It is simply a matter of going out and doing it

Girls' Basketball Trounces BB&N, Falters Against Top Ranked Andover High School

by Jeff Myers

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover 58
BB&N 36

The girls had a good week, gaining valuable game experience in a scrimmage against the best team in the state, and then went on to soundly defeat a fine BB&N team. The victory for the Blue helps to put them in position to make a run into the interscholastic tournament. In order to gain entrance, the girls will need to win two of their next three games, a challenging task for the young team. This week's performance hints that the Big Blue will finish off the season on a good note and make the postseason.



Andover High (scrimmage)
Reflecting upon their meeting with Andover High, Coach Karen Kennedy remarked that "the team had two primary goals: We wanted to contain their transition game and not let them run on us. Secondly, we wanted to be quick to the ball." According to Kennedy, the team was "excited with its first half play," as the Big Blue successfully attained both its goals. The girls had even more to cheer about in the second half as they outscored the Warriors as a result of tenacious defensive intensity. Liz Bramwell '00 and Karen Kutz '98 led PA's offensive charge combining for twenty-eight points.

One particular highlight of the second half, or the entire scrimmage for that matter, was the Blue's enactment of the "amoebae," a code name for a three-two defense the girls had only recently added to their defensive repertoire. Dubbed by their coach as "a really hot zone," the defense took AHS out of sink offensively. On the topic of PA's defensive effort, Kennedy noted that she was pleased, stating: "We

were able to pick up our defense by stealing the ball and forcing some turnovers."

BB&N

On Wednesday, the girls looked to carry over their momentum from Friday's scrimmage. With the absence of Claire Coffey due to an ailing back, the Blue needed someone to step up. The squad took a 32-22 lead into the locker room at the conclusion of the first half. The team finished the contest holding BB&N's squad to a mere 14 Kutz and Bramwell again proved to be valuable asset to the Blue as the duo combined for 26 points. Also turning in a stellar performance was point-guard Momo Akade '00 who finished with 10 points, 6 steals, and 4 assists.

Although commenting that she was pleased with the girls' overall effort, Coach Kennedy did see room for improvement. "I thought we struggled a bit defensively. Right now, we are trying to find a consistent level of play that's closer to Friday's scrimmage." Akade concurred explaining

that the team "didn't play too well during the first half, but we picked it up in the second half." Oddly enough, the team grabbed 11 defensive and 18 offensive rebounds collectively.

This coming Saturday the girls will face Northfield Mount Hermon, a perennial powerhouse. Although the girls defeated this adversary earlier in their season, NMH has since improved. This game will have large impact on the girls post-season. Thus, it is critical that they defeat Northfield again. "Right now it's unclear whether or not we will make the tournament," states Captain Alicia Dermody '98. "We have three games remaining in our schedule and we must win at least two if we want to get in" the season ending tournament. "There are times that we are awesome, and I don't think anyone can beat us but then there are those times when Coach has to call a timeout to settle us down." However, if the squad hopes to emerge victorious, it will be imperative that its play resembles that against Andover High more so than its soft defensive showing against BB&N.



Liz Bramwell '00 has been instrumental in the Andover success so far this year. But, with only three remaining games, Andover must win two if it wants to make it to post-season play.

Post-Season Tournament Birth Awaits as Basketball Improves Record to 10-5

After beating both NMH and Tilton the girls' basketball team stands an excellent chance of qualifying for post-season play. Seniors Liz Siliato and Karen Kutz-Thornton led the Blue charge this week.

by Dave Rice

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	49
NMH	42
Andover	47
Tilton	42



The girls varsity basketball team played host to NMH and Tilton this past week, in the stretch run of their season. With the upcoming NEPSAC Tournament, the girls were looking for a chance to prove to the selection committee of the tournament that

they deserved a berth. An opportunity to play in the annual New England Prep School Athletic Conference Tournament would be a great way to cap off another successful season for the girls team, but first they needed to improve on its 7-5 record.

NMH

Facing a stronger and taller team, the Andover girls would need to play a scrappier brand of basketball in order to be victorious. They did just that. In the second meeting between these two teams, the Andover girls once again demonstrated their superiority by winning the game 49-42. Behind the 18 points of senior Lis Siliato, the Girls overcame an early deficit and beat the Hoggers. "Lis had a great game," said Claire Coffey '99, who sat out the game with an injury. Elizabeth Bramwell '00 scored ten, and Lauren Tsai '00 was a big boost off the bench adding eight points. Coach Kennedy accredited the victory to the teams overall persistence.

Tilton

With NMH behind them, Andover set off to win its second consecutive home game of the week. Tilton started off with superior rebounding and a pesky full-court press, which propelled them to an early lead. The blue quickly dropped into a 2-3 zone, in attempt to limit Tilton's offensive rebounding and second chance shots. Senior starter Karen Kutz sparked the offense scoring 10 of her team high 23 in the first half. While Momo Adake '00 also aided the offense and amazingly made a fast-break layup while blowing a bubble with her bubble gum. The blue were dealt a sharp blow just five min-

utes into the game when Kutz picked up her third personal foul. Sharpshooter Lauren Tsai came in for Kutz and hit two important outside jumpshots. To end the half, Andover went on a 7-0 run, culminated by a buzzer beating 16-footer by Momo Adake. The girls went into halftime with a 24-20 lead.

Andover started quickly in the second half scorin, and it never looked back. Kutz poured in 13 more points and Tilton appeared helpless to stop her. Elizabeth Bramwell '00 played well on both ends of the court. Momo Adake continued to amaze her defenders, and blow bubbles, despite only scoring two points in the second half. With five minutes to go, Tilton cut the score to 38-35, but clutch free-throw

shooting and solid defense allowed the girls to win their ninth game of the season.

With these two impressive victories the girls stand an excellent chance of making the NEPSAC Tournament. With only one coveted position remaining, it was very important that the blue make the most out of their remaining games. With only one game remaining, against Exeter on Saturday, the girls are hoping their record and performance will get them in the tournament. In response to all the post-season talk Coach Karen Kennedy said, "I would hope that with today's win, it would help us get in the NEPSAC Tournament. If we win against Exeter I expect to get in the tournament."



Karen Kutz-Thornton '98 plays tenacious defense, shutting down her Tilton opponent.

Photo /L. Hoopes

310 Girls' Basketball Finishes Solid Season at 9-7, Despite Falling to Exeter and Deerfield This Week

by Dave Rice and 'Doulou
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover 46
Exeter 40

Deerfield 56
Andover 48



New England Prep-School Athletic Conference (NEPSAC) Tournament, but, despite the loss, they received the nod from the selection committee as the number six seeds. On Wednesday, the girls traveled to Deerfield to play in the first round of the tournament, but came away with a disappointing loss. Despite losing to both Deerfield and Exeter, the team considers its season a success as it finished the year with a respectable 9-7 record.

Exeter

The Exeter girls' basketball team came to Andover this past Saturday to try and beat the Blue for the second time this season. In response, the girls pumped themselves up against their arch rivals and got out to an early lead. "We were having fun, but getting the job done," commented lower point-

guard Momo Akade '00 who scored points against Exeter. The girls started off the game in a man-to-man defense, startling the visiting Exies. When Exeter settled down finally, they went down low and tried to utilize their post players for easy baskets. Exeter's plan forced Andover into a zone defense, which the girls call, "the amoeba." This strategy utilizes a match-up zone and confuses defenses because of its irregular behavior. "The amoeba" shut down Exeter's outside shooting, but the Big Red adjusted its offense by making solid interior passing, an adjustment which effectively shredded Andover's defense to pieces. Akade responded, however, by making a fast-break lay-up while being fouled. This play energized the crowd and the Andover team. Akade's three-point play sparked the girls on a run that would leave them up one point at half-time.

In the second half, Exeter came out on fire. Hitting clutch baskets early in the second half, Exeter catapulted itself into the lead. From there Exeter stepped up its defense and limited Andover's inside scoring. Exeter also ran the transition game very effectively, scoring on many uncontested lay-ups. The Blue changed back into its man-to-man defense, but failed to shut down the Exies. Because of the deficit, the girls were forced to shoot outside shots, but failed to hit any three-pointers in the second half. Despite their efforts the girls went down to Exeter.

Deerfield

In the first game of the NEPSAC Tournament, three girls faced an admirable opponent in Deerfield. In their previous meeting, Deerfield had defeated Andover on the road. This game would be even tougher than the first, as Andover would be playing as the visitor in Deerfield's athletic facility. Led by lower sensation Liz Bramwell's sixteen points and an additional fourteen from Claire Coffey '99, the girls played strongly inside the paint and looked like they might defeat the tournament's third seed. The Blue's defense was anchored by Akade who had many steals that led to easy lay-ups. But Deerfield shot well from the outside and even the girls' amoeba defense could not thwart its hot shooting. At halftime Deerfield led by ten.

As soon as the whistle blew to start the second half, Deerfield played interior basketball and tried to get the ball into the hands of its taller players. From inside, the Deerfield players scored at will, extending their lead to 16 points. Bad outside shooting and turnovers did not allow the girls from getting back into the game until it was too late. The final score was Deerfield 56, Andover 48.

These two games concluded the girls' varsity basketball team's season which ended with a final record of 9-7. The team graduates but a few of its players and with a good core of younger players, should be a contender in the future.



Karen Kutz-Thornton '98

"Karen's leadership on the court is key"

—Coach Karen Kennedy

by Kate Macmillan

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

If one were to simply look at the play of Karen Kutz '98 on the basketball court, one would probably assume that she is one of those great players who has eaten, slept, and breathed nothing but basketball since the age of three, or perhaps even earlier. One would only become more assured of such an assumption upon learning that Karen has averaged twelve points, three steals, and three assists per game and was also voted a Class A New England All-Star. Yes, one would most definitely assume that Karen was born dribbling a basketball after observing her performance on the court, and perhaps it is such an assumption that only enhances her incredible ability, for, amazingly, she only began playing the sport a few years ago, when she was in the ninth grade.

Hailing from Medford, a part of Boston, Massachusetts, Karen began high school at Beaver Country Day School in the town of Chestnut Hill. Being an athlete of such an obviously high caliber, she did already possess a great list of athletic accomplishments, however they were in soccer, not basketball. Yes, it was soccer that she had been playing all her life, and by freshman year she was already traveling the country on regional and state all-star teams. When winter rolled around that year, Karen was attracted to basketball because she "liked the speed," comparable to that of soccer, which it possessed. While at first she found the sport to be "too strict" she soon began to find her own style of play and her own moves, and shortly thereafter took a great liking to it. "I love everything about [basketball]...everything," she declares affectionately. "There is just so much you can do in that small space, you're never bored." From the very beginning, basketball, obviously, liked Karen as much as she liked it, for not only was she a starter on Beaver's varsity squad (despite zero experience), but she was also named Most Valuable Player of the Eastern Inde-

pendent League, the league in which Beaver competes. It would seem pretty safe to say that Karen's basketball career, though it started off late, also started off with a bang.

In the eleventh grade, Karen changed schools and began attending Medford High School. By now she had given up her yearlong soccer pursuits and was becoming an all-out basketball star. In addition to playing on the Medford Varsity Squad, she also joined a Boston AAU team, Jeremiah Burke. This team has three high school All-Americans and has been ranked #1 in the country for over two years, and Karen's membership on such a squad demonstrates just exactly how much talent she possesses. Although the team will be too old to compete for the upcoming under-18 National Championship, Karen looks forward to once again joining the powerhouse and competing in other national tournaments this spring.

Last fall, as a senior at Medford High School, Karen was looking forward to her approaching senior season of basketball before the season began when she tore a ligament in her ankle, and was knocked out for the entire season. Karen was thus left unsure of her college plans, for the schools that were still recruiting her may have fit her standards in terms of basketball, but weren't necessarily up to her par academically. She also feels that, although she always "did just fine" in terms of her studies, Medford prepared her very poorly for the rigorous academics she hoped to find in college. As a result, Karen took an interest in perhaps doing a PG year at a prep school, so that she might be able to gain more academic experience and at the same time wow college coaches with the basketball skills she missed during her senior year. After looking at many different schools throughout New England, Karen found Andover to be her clear choice. She loved everything about the school, and staunchly believes that it has "the best of everything—it is at the highest level of both sports and academics".

This Fall Karen came to Phillips

Academy Andover. She adjusted quite easily to the school, both socially and academically. She loves the diversity of the campus and is currently very happy in her dorm, Stevens West. Aside from basketball, she is also involved in both Af-Lat-Am and S.A.R.C. Of course, basketball is Karen's passion and the basketball court is where she has truly made her mark on this campus.

Presently playing point guard, she has led the team to a respectable 7-5 record. One of the team's most recent impressive performances came last week when it faced Andover High, the #1-ranked team in Massachusetts. The game's two halves were treated as separate contests and, though PA lost the first match by a fairly close margin, it won the second by a convincing ten points. Karen was quite instrumental in the scrimmage, and maintains that the team's late success is quite characteristic of the season, for it "always takes awhile for us to warm up".

Last week's win, however, is only one of Karen's more recent highlights. According to head coach Karen Kennedy, all season long "Karen [Kutz]'s leadership on the court has been key. We look for her to do a number of things: push the ball up, move the offense, and help us find the open player. We also look for her to see when it is her opportunity to penetrate and shoot." Karen has evidently done all of these things quite well thus far in the season, and, if the team can win two of its next three games, she will continue to do so when the squad enters the Class A New England tournament, in which it reached the finals in last year. When asked about the team's chances of reaching the tournament, Karen smiles and says, "No doubt we'll do it. I know we will".

Regardless of how the season ends up, however, basketball surely lies within Karen's future. She cites Columbia as her top choice for college, but is also considering UPenn, Yale, and Colgate, among others. Surely wherever she ends up she will continue to contribute in every way possible, both on and off the court.

Girls' Basketball Loses in First Round of Tournament, Prepares for Successful Season Next Year

by Thayer Christodoulo
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



Under the guidance of Coach Karen Kennedy, the varsity girls' basketball team fared well this season with a record slightly over 500, despite the absence of key player and captain Alicia Dermody '98, who sat out with a torn ACL.

With only one returning starter, forward Claire Coffey '99, the young team had to step up their pace and introduce a new starting line. The starters included returning players point guard Momo Akade '00, center Elizabeth Bramwell '00, forward Elizabeth Siliato '98 and post graduate phenom point guard Karen Kutz-Thorton. Returning forward/guard Amelia Stoj '98 and newcomers point guard Lauren Tsai '00, guard/forward Christine Annenberg '00, center/forward Christine Okike '01, forward Olubunmi Ajose '00 and forward Heather Woodin '01, complemented the other players to create a powerful force.

With the loss of captain Dermody, the team initially lacked the necessary leadership for success, though everyone contributed to the team spirit. With the election of replacement captains Siliato and Coffey halfway through the season, the team gained two leaders who guided the team for the remainder of the season.

Though the girls results are not exceptional, these records do not reflect their exceptional play. Andover ultimately lost to Andover High, the best team in the state, though PA had better results than Andover High in the second half of

the game, making PA the first team in the state to win a half over the state champions. By beating Andover High in the second half, the girls in blue defined themselves as a force to be reckoned with in the state.

With an unfortunate draw, Andover lost in the first round of the New England Tournament, a tournament draw consisting of eight top basketball teams. Seeded fifth, Andover had to face the number three seed straight away, Deerfield. Bramwell called the victory of the game "up for grabs" and attributed the Deerfield win to an early lead, which they were able to maintain as they matched Andover's baskets for the remainder of the game. The Big Blue also attribute the victory to last minute shots that pulled up the Deerfield score. However powerful, the Deerfield team lost in the second round of the tournament.

Personal highlights include the netting of twenty-one points by Akade against Loomis Chaffee, and the netting of twenty-three points by Kutz-Thorton in the game against Tilton. Bramwell led the team with the highest number of rebounds, block shots and the highest point average. Another reason for the team's late success was the new amoeba three-two zone defense with the point guard jumping to the corners. The amoeba formation was first employed in the game against Andover High School, and the games' results exemplify the power of the new defense.

Next year's roster looks powerful with Coffey returning as captain, promising starters Bramwell and Akade, and a young team with many returning players whose skills will only flourish with time and experience. Akade looks forward to next season with the anticipation that "We should be deadly."



Karen Kutz-Thorton '98, above, provided the girls' basketball team with senior leadership and strong defense throughout the season

Photo / M. Prah

LETTER WINNERS

[Hockey - BV]

Beasley, Andrew G.
Berard, Greg W. (c)
Blanch, Justin H.
Burkons, Daniel J.
Chase, Eric C.
Clark, Christopher D.
Coughlin, M. H.
Darci, Scott A.
Farson, Brett D.
Gaffari, Ali H.
Hall, Benjamin W.
Jaros, Robert G.
Mahoney, Mark A.
Murphy, Michael W.
Ottariano, Mark K.
Resor, Charles D.
Sinex, Jonathan E.
Smith, Anissa R. (M)
Turner, Michael P., Jr.
Ward, Scott M.
Yorty, Christopher J.

SPORT: Boys Varsity Ice Hockey
YEAR: 1997-1998

CAPTAIN: Greg Berard
HOME ADDRESS: Woonsocket, RI

MANAGER: Anissa Smith
HOME ADDRESS: Brooklyn, NY

COACH: Chris Gurry
ASSISTANT COACHES: Peter Grogan

SEASON RECORD

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SQUAD STATISTICS

	NAME AND HOME ADDRESS	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	CLASS	POSITION
#2	Scott Danci Marblehead, MA	5'7	150	2001-J	Left Wing
#3	Michael Turner Melrose, MA	6'0	180	2000-L	Left Defense
#5	Scott Ward Boxford, MA	5'11	165	2001-J	Right Defense
#7	Andrew Beasley Tewksbury, MA	6'1	180	1998-S	Center
#8	Eric Chase Montclair, NJ	5'10	160	2001-J	Right Defense
#9	Jonathan Diney Lutherville, MD	5'10	170	2000-L	Left Wing
#10	Chris Clark Wrentham, MA	5'9	160	1998-S	Defense
#11	Mark Mahoney Newton, MA	6'1	175	1998-S	Left Wing
#12	Dan Burkhans Shaker Heights, OH	6'1	195	1998-S	Defense
#15	Charlie Presor Greenwich, CT	5'9	150	2000-L	Left Wing
#16	Halsey Caughlin Lincoln, MA	6'2	190	1999-U	Center
#18	Justin Blanch Tewksbury, MA	5'8	170	2000-L	Center
#19	Ali Ghaffari Jeffersonville, VT	5'8	160	1998-S	Left Wing
#21	Bobby Jaros Omaha, NE	5'8	140	1997-U	Right Wing

SQUAD STATISTICS

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Scrimmage

DATE OF CONTEST: November, 19 1997

OPPONENT: Governor Dummer Academy

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULT: Andover Victory

Final Score: 1-7

DATE OF CONTEST: November 22, 1997.

OPPONENT: Canterbury

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULT: Andover Defeat

Final Score
in Overtime: 2-1

DATE OF CONTEST: December 3, 1997

OPPONENT: Saint Paul's School

WHERE PLAYED: Saint Paul's

RESULT: Andover Victory

Final Score: 5-4

DATE OF CONTEST: December 6, 1997

OPPONENT: Saint Mark's School

WHERE PLAYED: Saint. Mark's

RESULT: Andover Victory

Final Score : 8-1

DATE OF CONTEST: December, 13 1997

OPPONENT: Harvard's JV

WHERE PLAYED: Harvard

RESULT: Andover Victory.

Final Score: 3-2

DATE OF CONTEST: December 14, 1998

OPPONENT: Tabor

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULT: Andover Victory

Final Score: 2-3

CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENT

	PA	OPP
December 15, 1997 - Milton	1	3
December 16, 1997 - Tilton	1	10
December 18, 1997 - Salisbury	3	0
December 19, 1997 - Deerfield	2	4
December 20, 1997 - Nobles	1	6
December 21, 1997 - K.U.A.	1	5

DATE OF CONTEST: January 8, 1978

OPPONENT: St. John's School

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULT: Andover Victory

Final Score: 3-6

DATE OF CONTEST: January 10, 1998

OPPONENT: Choate

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULT: Andover Defeat

Final Score: 4-1

Tempers Flare After Disappointing Showing Against the Wild Boars



Late in the third period of Saturday's game. Captain Greg Berard joins in a skirmish at center ice.

Photo / J. Mitchell

**Choate 4
Andover 1**

The Andover hockey team hopes to bounce back strong after a year which

saw them fall just short of a post-season berth. The road this season will be tough, though, as the team will have to cope with the losses of three division one players: Neils Heilmann (Cornell), Ethan Doyle (Princeton), and Christian Warrington (Brown). Hoping to put Andover back on the map as a Prep-School power house will be a talented group of young returners and a solid, but again young group of newcomers.

Captain Greg Berard '98 anchors a defense that returns only one player, Mike Turner '00. Newcomers Chris Yorty '00, Eddie Ward '01, Mark Ottariano '00, and a freshmen Scott Chaise will have to step-up quickly if the team is going to have any success. To this point the defense has tallied only one goal amongst them. Turner excelled last year playing under the tutelage of the departed Warrington and he will have to share his experience with the other young defensemen. Yorty has played at very high levels thus far and has stepped in and played well for the Big Blue. The offense will be led by Andrew Beasley '98 and other returners Halsey Coughlin '99, Brett Farson '99, Jon Sinex '00, and Mike Murphy '00. Beasley, who enjoyed a great first year at Andover last season centering the first line, will be asked to lead a very young team and provide a much needed scoring punch. Post Graduate Mark Mahoney, Coughlin, Farson, and Sinex will also be looked upon heavily to replace the scoring lost with the departure of Heilmann and Doyle. Overall it appears this could be a rebuilding year for the Blue who are very young, but if the older players can get the talented group of youngsters to mesh as a group they could win some games down the stretch against some formidable opponents. Andover started their season with wins against Harvard JV, Milton, and a big win against prep-school power Tabor. The boys then hit a bit of slump as they went 1-3 in the Flood Mar Christmas tournament, but will have another chance against all three teams later in the winter. Andover headed into their battle with Choate with a record of 8-4.

Choate

Last Saturday, in their first game back from Winter break, Andover hosted a big, physical Choate team. This game would prove to be a big test for the Blue, both physically and mentally.

In the first period the Blue fell behind 1-0, but it could have been much worse if not for the brilliant play of goalie Greg Berard, as he made

several saves on point-blank opportunities. Choate's first goal was the result of a turnover in the defensive zone, something that would plague Andover throughout the game. In the second period, one which the Blue would like to erase from their memory, Andover came out very flat and again relied on Berard to keep the game close. Even Berard was not enough as the team again lost the puck in their own zone resulting in a 2-0 Choate advantage. Forward Brett Farson said after the game, "As a team we were just not careful enough with the puck in our own end." Later, with the score still 2-0, Andover went on

the power play, using a very offensive-minded five forward unit, with a chance to climb back into the game. Instead, after killing the man advantage, Choate sprung a two-on-one rush against a lone defenseman, Jon Sinex, who was helpless as Choate capitalized, pushing the lead to a commanding three goals. That was the real back-breaker as Andover saw the game start to get out of hand. Choate added a fourth goal, before Farson was able to give the home faithful a glimpse of hope with a power play goal late in the second making the score 4-1 heading into the second intermission.

The third period produced some fireworks, both during and after the play. Andover started the period very strong catching Choate back on their heels protecting the 4-1 lead, but the Blue, despite producing some quality opportunities, were unable to put the puck past the outstanding Choate goalie. The result was a frustrated Andover team, making poor decisions at the end of the game, retaliating at a number of late-hits by Choate. Berard, Beasley, Sinex, and Mahoney were all thrown from the game in the last minute of the period, but fortunately for these players and the team the referee decided not to suspend any of

them for the next game. Although the melee at the end of the game excited the crowd of Andover students, Coach Chris Gurry would have none of it as he blasted his team in the locker room after the game for their antics.

So far the team appears pleased with their results, as well as their record, but as Farson said, "To go five hundred in this league is an accomplishment," especially with such a young team. Andover will have to put the frustrating Choate debacle behind them as they travel to Exeter on Saturday to face their arch-rival in the first of two meetings this winter.

DATE OF CONTEST: January 11, 1998

OPPONENT: Alumni

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULT: Andover's Current Student Victory
Final Score: 6-7

DATE OF CONTEST: January 17, 1998

OPPONENT: Exeter

WHERE PLAYED: Exeter

RESULT: Andover Defeat

Final Score: 2-3

Boys' Hockey

1/23

by Nick MacInnis
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Exeter	3
Andover	2
Andover	8
Berwick	0

The Andover boys' hockey team went 1-1 this week bringing its record to 9-6. The boys

came out with two spirited efforts, falling just short of beating Exeter and crushing a weak Berwick team.

Exeter

In its first game since the Choate debacle last Saturday, the Blue had to travel north to face Phillips Exeter. To no one's surprise, the Exies were out in full force behind their squad, creating a very hostile environment for the boys to play in.

Andover played very well for the first couple of minutes keeping the puck in the Exeter zone with strong forechecking and aggressive defense. Finally, Exeter was able to get the puck out of its zone as an Exeter forward took the puck down ice and caught the Andover defense, who was expecting a pass, off-guard as he rifled a shot from just inside the blue-line, past Greg Berard '98 and into the net. Andover continued to play hard, though, and created some great opportunities, but each time the boys were thwarted by the Exeter goalie. Exeter struck again later in the period, as one of their wings picked up a rebound and slid the puck into the net, giving Exeter misleading 2-0 lead. Andover was relentless, though, and all its hard work paid off when Halsey Coughlin '99 came in on a breakaway and scored, cutting the deficit in half before the first intermission.

Despite outplaying the Exies, the Blue was down heading into the second and again the team was frustrated by a lack of goal-scoring.

Exeter struck first in the second extending the lead to 3-1. The third goal was a big one and Andover had its work was cut out for the boys if they were to tie this game up. Andrew Beasley '98 created some hope for the Big Blue as he once again pulled Andover to within a goal at 3-2.

Andover pressed on throughout the third period, but was unable to get the equalizer with the final score being 3-2.

With about six minutes left Chris Yorty '00 was sent to the penalty box on what freshman Scott Ward described as, "A very questionable call." Although Exeter did not score on the power play, it was another one and half minutes in which Andover had to work on penalty-killing rather than scoring. Eventually the boys fell, unable to put any pressure on the red defense.

Although they lost the game, the boys remained optimistic about playing Exeter again, as Scott Darci '01 said, "I think we outplayed them and we should beat them next time."



Halsey Coughlin '99 breaks away from the defensive pursuit. Coughlin's physical play has complemented Senior Andrew Beasley's pure speed at the center position.

Photo /J. Mitchell

DATE OF CONTEST: January 21, 1998

OPPONENT: Berwick Academy

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULT: Andover Victory

Final Score: 0-8

Tramples Berwick

Berwick

Playing host to Berwick, the Blue hockey team expected that it would be able to vent out some frustrations of its previous two games. The boys got just that, as they routed Berwick 8-0. Granted, Berwick was a miserable team, but the Blue came out with an aggression that suggested the team was hungry for a win.

Berwick actually kept it close early, and it was not until the closing minutes of the first period when Jon Sinex '00 scored twice that Andover

got on the scoreboard. Sinex took a pass from pointman Mark Ottariano '00 on the first one and then a minute later he scored on a rebound that was a result of some great work by Brett Farson '99. Beasley made the score 3-0 early in the third as he ripped a screen shot from the point that the Berwick goalie didn't see until it hit the back of the net. Yorty made it 4-0, and that

opened the floodgates as Beasley struck again just minutes later making it 5-0. Beasley then assisted on PG Mark Mahoney's goal before Farson scored an absolutely brilliant goal, as he stick handled around three Berwick players before ringing a shot off the post and in. Bob Jaros '99 added a late tally to complete the scoring for the Blue who completely dominated the

last two periods.

In fact, the score would have been worse if not for some sprawling saves by the Berwick goalie as he continuously robbed the Andover forwards. It was a great effort for Andover who needed an onslaught of goals to get their forwards some confidence heading towards some big games down the stretch run of the season.

DATE OF CONTEST: January 24, 1997

OPPONENT: Noble & Greenough

WHERE PLAYED: Noble & Greenough

RESULT: Andover Defeat

Final Score: 1-4

Captain Greg Berard '98 played an absolutely sensational game against Lawrence, holding that team's vaunted offensive attack to a single goal. He dazzled the crowd with a number of one-on-one glove saves.



Photo /J. Mitchell

DATE OF CONTEST: January 28, 1998

OPPONENT: Lawrence Academy

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULT: Andover Tied

Final Score : 1-1
in Overtime

Berard Shines Against Lawrence

by Nick MacInnis

PHILIPPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Nobles	4
Andover	1
Andover	1
Lawrence	1



HOCKEY

Greg Berard '98 played sensationally this past week as the Andover hockey team tied a very talented Lawrence Academy team and fell to Nobles 4-1. The 4-1 loss is very misleading, because if not for a thirty second lapse by the Blue the result could have been much different. Against Lawrence the Blue relied heavily upon the efforts of Berard to give them a win that should bode well for the team's confidence as they begin a bruising stretch of games against very qualified opponents.

Nobles

Having already played and lost to Nobles at the Flood Mar Christmas tournament, Andover had revenge on their mind. Unfortunately for the Blue a thirty second defensive lapse combined with a lack of offense cost them their chance to avenge their earlier defeat.

Andover, as is the trend, skated very well in the first period, especially

generate any great scoring opportunities, but playing very strong defensively. Had the Blue been up a goal, or had it been a tie game this approach would have been acceptable, but instead Andover was down 3-1 and that is how the game would remain until Nobles put in an empty-netter to make the score a misleading 4-1. "We just weren't that consistent and that hurt us," said Bob Jaros '99. This seems to be a growing trend amongst this team, but they would have no time to wallow in their frustration as they took on a very talented team, Lawrence Academy, on Wednesday.

Lawrence Academy

Looking to turn their frustration into positive energy, the Andover boys' hockey team hosted another ISL power when Lawrence Academy came to town. Greg Berard, who had been

playing outstanding throughout the season, played an especially brilliant game on Wednesday as Andover looked to upset the team from Groton, Massachusetts.

The first period set the tone for the game as Lawrence dictated the play and Andover relied on Berard to keep them in the game. Each time Lawrence had an opportunity Berard was up to the task making save after save. Meanwhile the Blue offense was not able to muster many chances. Andover, though, did play very aggressively, perhaps a little too aggressively as they were whistled for two penalties in the first fifteen minutes.

The second period played out much like the first with Lawrence dominating and even hitting the post, until 13:23 into the period when Andover forward Jon Sinex '00 ended the scoreless deadlock. Freshman Scott Ward took a slapshot from the point

that the Lawrence goalie made a tremendous kick-save on. Sinex picked up the rebound and buried the puck in the net much to the delight of the Andover faithful in attendance. This was a tremendous momentum lift for Andover who had been outplayed most of the game, but found themselves up 1-0 heading into the second intermission.

All season the Blue have had trouble at the beginning of periods. Unfortunately this period would prove no different. Just sixteen seconds into the period Lawrence took advantage of a defensive collapse by the Blue and finally they were able to put the puck past Berard to tie the game at one. From then on Berard was spectacular as he time after time turned away any and all Lawrence efforts.

In one instance Berard saved a shot, but the rebound went right to a Lawrence player and it appeared he

would put in an easy empty-netter, but Berard sprawled across the ice to make the save and preserve the tie.

After this series a spectator said, "That's the story of the game right there." He couldn't have been closer to the truth. Andover had a couple of good opportunities in the third period, the first coming when Ward drilled a slapshot that went just wide of the Lawrence cage. Another near goal came with three minutes left when Justin Blanch '00 picked up the rebound of a Mark Mahoney '98 shot and put the shot just over the goal's crossbar.

The road does not get any easier for Andover as the boys face Deerfield next Wednesday and then Cushing the following Wednesday. Still, if Berard continues to play as he has been, the team will likely continue in its successful ways.

DATE OF CONTEST: January 31, 1998

OPPONENT: Loomis Chaffee

WHERE PLAYED: Loomis Chaffee

RESULT: Andover Victory

Final Score: 5-1

Loomis

Andover, trying to build off of its great effort in a tie against Lawrence Academy, played Loomis Chaffee last Saturday. The boys failed to score early, but once they got in gear they easily dispatched their opponent.

The first period looked very promising as the Blue dominated Loomis in every facet of the game. Gerard was not tested during the whole period as Andover kept the majority of play in the Loomis end. Andover,

however, was unable to get a goal and went into the first intermission tied at zero. At this point it would have been easy for the team to get frustrated, and when asked about this, Brett Farson '99 responded by saying, "We were not that upset about not scoring, but if that happens in the second period too, well then you start to worry." Andover played very strong hockey again in the second period and they finally broke the scoreless tie when Justin Blanch '00 gave a great feed in front of the net to lower Jon Sinex, who slipped the puck by the Loomis goalie. Halsey

Coughlin then followed with a goal of his own and Matt Mahoney '98 soon made the score 3-0 Andover. After jumping out to a big lead Andover became a little complacent, giving up a late second period goal which made the score 3-1 heading into the second intermission. Mike Murphy '00 got Andover back on track in the third with an early goal and Brett Farson completed the scoring with a nice solo effort. The win was a nice confidence boost for the players, but they knew Deerfield would be a much more formidable opponent.



Post-graduate Mark Mahoney storms into the Deerfield zone, outskating the frustrated opposing defenders.

Photo / J. Mitchell

DATE OF CONTEST: February 4, 1998

OPPONENT: Deerfield

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULT: Andover Victory

Final Score: 0-3

by Nick MacInnis
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	5
Loomis	1
Andover	3
Deerfield	0



BOYS' HOCKEY

In easily the most successful week of their season to date, the Andover boys' hockey team defeated Loomis-Chaffee and perennial prep school power, Deerfield. On Saturday the boys traveled to Loomis and handily beat the home team 5-1, then on Wednesday the Blue, led by captain Greg Berard '98, shutout a very talented Deerfield team. Halsey Coughlin '99 played an instrumental role in both victories scoring the game winning goal in each game.

Deerfield

"There is no team in the league I want to beat more than Deerfield." Brett Farson's quote set the tone for this intense match-up. After last years debacle against Deerfield where the Blue lost 5-2, Andover had revenge on its mind.

From the beginning Andover knew this would be a tough game as they were put under immense pressure in the first five minutes of the period. Greg Berard, like he has done all season, was again responsible for keeping Andover in the game. After surviving the initial onslaught, the Blue settled down and began to play sound defensive hockey. Andover found their

offense when Halsey Coughlin scored a power-play goal. About seven minutes into the period the Blue went on a power play and Coughlin took the puck from behind the net, came out in front, and beat the goalie five-hole. This was a tremendous lift for the players as they went into the locker room with a 1-0 lead.

The second period was played very much in the neutral zone with neither team able to take control. With 4 minutes and 21 seconds left, Charlie Resor '00 led a three on two break and found Mike Murphy '00 who beat the Deerfield goalie for Andover's second tally. Shortly after Andover's goal, senior Dan Burkons found himself as the lone defender against two Deerfield forwards, and stepped up to make a tremendous defensive stop, keeping the momentum with Phillips. Burkons played textbook defense as he slid to the ice to smother the intended pass. With three minutes left in the period, Deerfield had a two man advantage as they looked to cut the lead in half. However, Mike Turner '00, Chris Yorty '00, and Andrew Beasley '98 held the Deerfield offense at bay with the aid of Greg Berard who made several key saves. The highlight of Berard's game came when he was forced to slide across the crease and stone an oncoming forward who was just three feet from the goal; however, the rebound went right to a Deerfield player and Berard was again up to the task as he made a desperate kick-save. Turner eventually drew a penalty nullifying the two-man advantage and thus ending the Deerfield threat. Andover gladly took their two goal advantage into the second intermission.

The third period saw an offensive effort from Deerfield, but the Blue defense would yield nothing. This tenacious defensive play forced Deerfield to pull their goalie with just over a minute left in the game. Mike Turner, who has excelled defensively all year, scored his first goal of the season on a length of the ice shot which nicked the post and went in. This is an enormous win for Andover who will face Cushing and BB&N, two strong teams, next week. However at 12-7-1, Andover needs win out the remainder of its schedule with the exception Cushing. Still, if Andover can continue play with the same emotion that they showed today then the post-season will

again become a reality.



Scott Darci '01 and the hockey team suffered a heartbreaking overtime loss on Wednesday at the hands of Kimball Union.

Photo / J. Mitchell

DATE OF CONTEST: February 7, 1998

OPPONENT: BB&N

WHERE PLAYED: BB&N

RESULT: Andover Defeat

Final Score: 2-5



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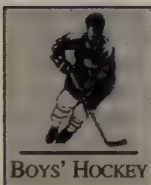


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The boys' hockey team suffered key losses to BB&N and KUA this week, thwarting all post-season aspirations

by Tyler Cowan and Mike Pierog
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

BB&N	5
Andover	2
KUA	4
Andover	3



It was a disappointing week for the Andover boys' hockey team; the Big Blue was defeated by new born prep school power, BB&N, and by a talented Kimball Union Academy squad. On Saturday the boys suffered a frustrating 5-2 loss to BB&N, then on Wednesday, the Blue lost a heartbreaker, 4-3, in overtime to KUA. Although Captain Greg Berard '98 continued to play exceptional hockey, Andover was frequently plagued by defensive mishaps.

BB&N

Coming off a successful week of hockey with two important victories over Loomis and Deerfield, the Big Blue looked for two more wins to strengthen its playoff hopes. In the first period BB&N dominated every facet of the game; however, Greg Berard kept Andover in the contest with a series of brilliant saves. Once again, the boys struggled getting the puck out of zone, and as a result Berard was repeatedly put to the test. Fortunately for the Blue, it salvaged a scoreless tie going into the second period.

In the second period, BB&N came

out strong and scored two quick goals. Andover's Scott Darci '01 responded by slipping the puck past the BB&N goalie bringing Andover within a goal. A few minutes later Andover's defense collapsed and faced an odd man rush where the BB&N forward beat Berard. Two minutes later, Andover went on a power-play and Jon Sinex '00 brought the game back within reach for the Blue. Sinex took a slap shot that deflected off of several BB&N players and found its way into the net. A defensive error by the Blue led to another BB&N goal. At the end of two periods of play, the score was 4-2 in favor of BB&N.

The third period saw an offensive effort by Andover which led to many scoring chances. Most notably, Brett Farson '99 had a shot strike the post midway through the third period. Within 20 seconds Andover found itself in trouble again when BB&N led a 2 on 1 against Berard. BB&N took advantage of the opportunity and extended its lead to 5-2. After several more unsuccessful scoring chances by the Blue, the game ended.

DATE OF CONTEST: February 11, 1998

OPPONENT: KUA

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULT: Andover Defeat

Final Score: 4-3

in overtime

KUA

Andover looked to improve upon their effort against BB&N on Saturday as they faced a stronger KUA team on Wednesday. The boys immediately set the tone of the game as they came out playing offensive minded hockey.

The first period began with two offensive surges by defenseman Mike

Turner '00 and forward Andrew Beasley '98 that unfortunately did not result in Andover goals. Brett Farson opened the scoring for Andover at 6:10 into the first period. Jon Sinex started the play with a spectacular pass to

Justin Blanch '00 who blasted a shot on goal and forced a rebound. Brett picked up the rebound and rifled it top shelf on the KUA goalie. Three minutes later, KUA capitalized on a defensive breakdown and tied the

score at one goal a piece. Andover's power play woes continued as the power play unit was unable to take advantage of a power-play with four minutes remaining in the period. KUA continued its offensive onslaught hitting the post with 30 seconds remaining in the period. At the end of the first period the game was still tied 1-1.

In the second period, KUA broke the tie making the score 2-1 with two and a half minutes into the period. Brett Farson scored his second goal tying the game at two. Brett benefited from a KUA penalty and was able to come up with a power-play goal. Two minutes later, KUA put one past Greg Berard on an odd man rush. Halsey Coughlin '99 responded forty five seconds later with a goal as Scott Ward '01 took a slap shot that Halsey deflected from mid air into the net. The Andover boys went to the locker room after two periods tied at three.

The third period saw no scoring but was exciting none the less. One minute into the period a KUA player had a break away on Berard; however, Berard was equal to the task. Less than a minute later, Brett Farson drew a major penalty when he was violently slashed over the head by a KUA defender. The Big Blue was unable to capitalize on the ensuing five and one half minute power-play. For the remainder of the third period, the play was back and forth. Andover had many chances, but could not score. Thus the game went to overtime.

In overtime Andover controlled play and was able to produce offensive chances. With one minute and twenty seconds remaining in the game, both teams were penalized; therefore, the teams played four on four. During this stage of the game, a talented KUA forward skated through three Andover players to score the game winning goal with fifty one seconds remaining.

Andover hopes to improve upon this week's play as they head into next week, the most challenging week of the season.

Andover faces a tough Belmont Hill team this Saturday and will have their biggest challenge of the season against Cushing on Wednesday.

While their tourney hopes are all but gone, the boys continue to play fundamental hockey. Said one team member, "Even if we can't make the tournament, beating Cushing would be a tremendous achievement for our team, for [Captain] Greg [Berard] and for our coaches, Mr. Gurry and Mr. Grogan."

If this attitude prevails throughout the season, the boys have an excellent chance to persevere through the rest of their schedule.

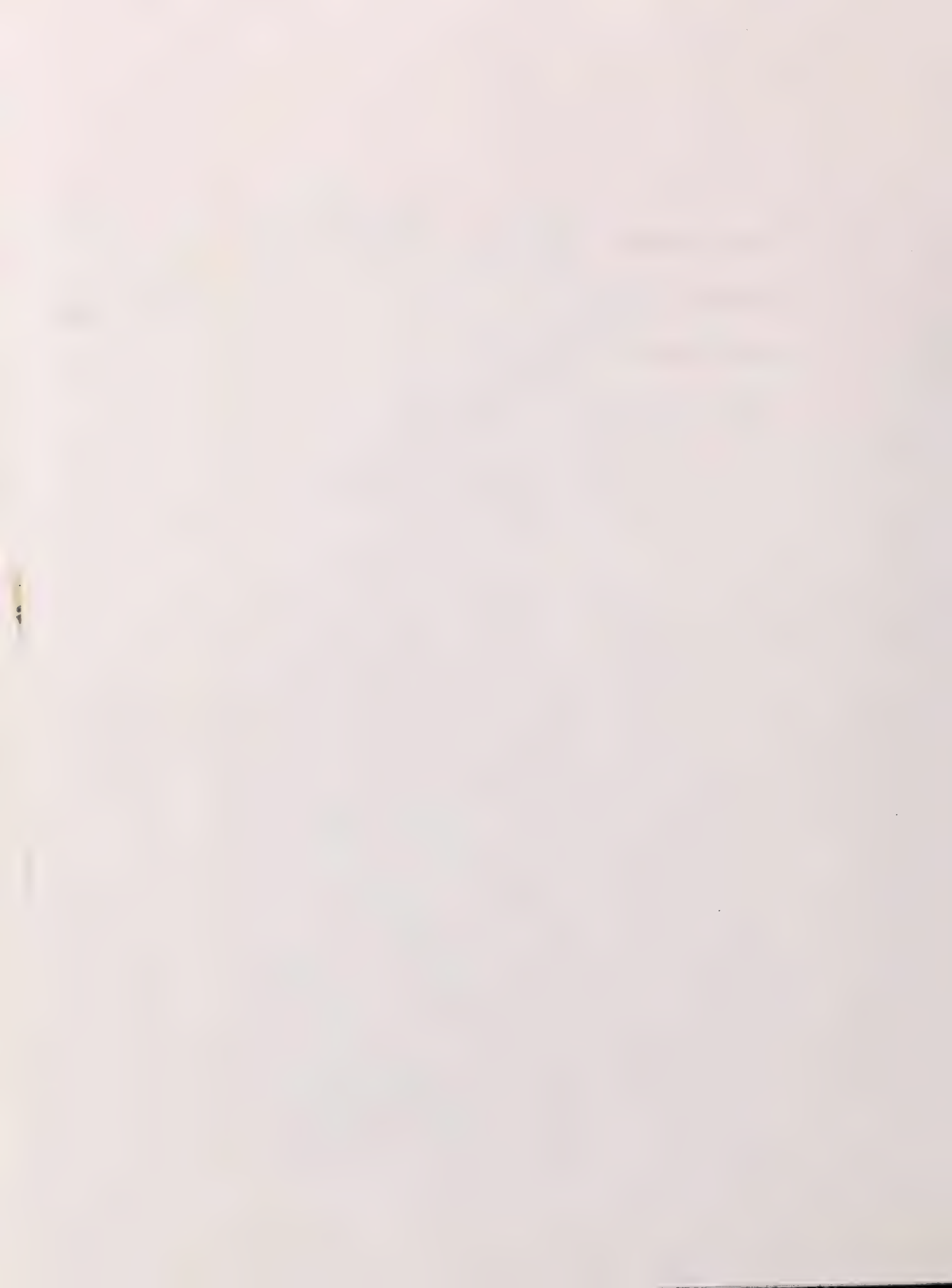
DATE OF CONTEST: February 13, 1998

OPPONENT: Pingree

WHERE PLAYED: Pingree

RESULT: Andover Victory

Final Score: 8-4



Boys' Hockey Team Defeats Pingree Before Dropping Successive Contests Against Belmont Hill and Cushing

by Mike Pierog and Tyler Cowan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover	8
Pingree	4
Belmont Hill	2
Andover	1
Cushing	7
Andover	1



with an 8-4 victory. Unfortunately for the Big Blue, the boys dropped a 2-1 thriller to Belmont Hill on Saturday, and they lost in a blowout to a superior Cushing squad on Wednesday, 7-1.

Pingree

On Friday the Blue traveled to Pingree where it faced an under-matched team. Although the game was sloppy, the Blue prevailed by a score of 8-4. From the beginning of the first period, the game was very physical. Both teams, plagued by penalties, traded power plays. Halsey Coughlin '99 led the way for the Blue amassing four goals, one of them coming on the power play. Mark Mahoney '98 and Andrew Beasley '98 each scored a goal and assisted on three others. Jon Sinex '00 and Mike Turner '00 capped the scoring for the Blue. Although the Blue won handily, it often suffered severe defensive breakdowns. The boys failed to pick up their respective men and thus gave up four goals to a sub-par team. Unfortunately for the Blue, Greg Berard '98 was unable to keep his head in the game, giving up rebounds that led to Pingree goals. The Blue looked to improve its defensive performance against a talented

Belmont Hill squad on Saturday.

Belmont Hill

On Saturday, Halsey Coughlin led Andover back to his former school. In the fall Coughlin made the trip to Belmont Hill with the boys soccer team where they lost a heartbreaker in the New England Tournament. As if this wasn't enough motivation for the game, Coughlin endured a vicious leg check, injuring his knee the last time he faced Belmont Hill. Coughlin's desire to win set the tone for this intense match-up.

In the first period both teams came out aggressively, playing offensive minded hockey, and relied on stellar goaltending. With Andover's Greg Berard improving on his previous performance against Pingree, the score remained low. Although the period ended in a scoreless tie, the Blue had reason to be proud of its defensive play. For the first time this season, the boys were hustling on defense which gave Belmont Hill few odd man rushes. In addition, Andover's forechecking and backchecking was excellent. The second period was very much like the first, each team having equal scoring opportunities. Belmont Hill broke the tie midway through the period on a power play when a defender blasted a slapshot from the blue line past Berard. Andover responded later in the period on a power play goal by Coughlin. In Andover's offensive zone, Andrew Beasley won a face-off back to Dan Burkons '98, who put a slapshot on goal. The ensuing rebound bounced to Coughlin who beat a defender and rifled the puck top shelf. For the remainder of the period, both teams played solid defense, preventing either team for scoring.

Belmont Hill broke the tie fifteen seconds into the third period. Once again Andover suffered a defensive breakdown leading to an early Belmont Hill goal. Immediately following Belmont Hill's score, Andover displayed its

frustration as a defender was assessed a five and one half minute major penalty for hitting from behind. Although the Blue tried valiantly to overcome this penalty and to tie up the game, Belmont Hill's goalie was equal to the task.

With Andover's playoff hopes dashed, the Blue looked to regain its status as a dominant force in the league with a victory over Cushing on Wednesday.

Cushing

Andover's Greg Berard demonstrated his desire to win by saying, "If we could beat Cushing, it would make the season." Two years ago Berard had the game of his life against Cushing turning aside 63 shots in a 2-1 upset victory for Andover. The next two meetings of these teams saw Cushing handily dispose of Andover leaving Berard looking for revenge.

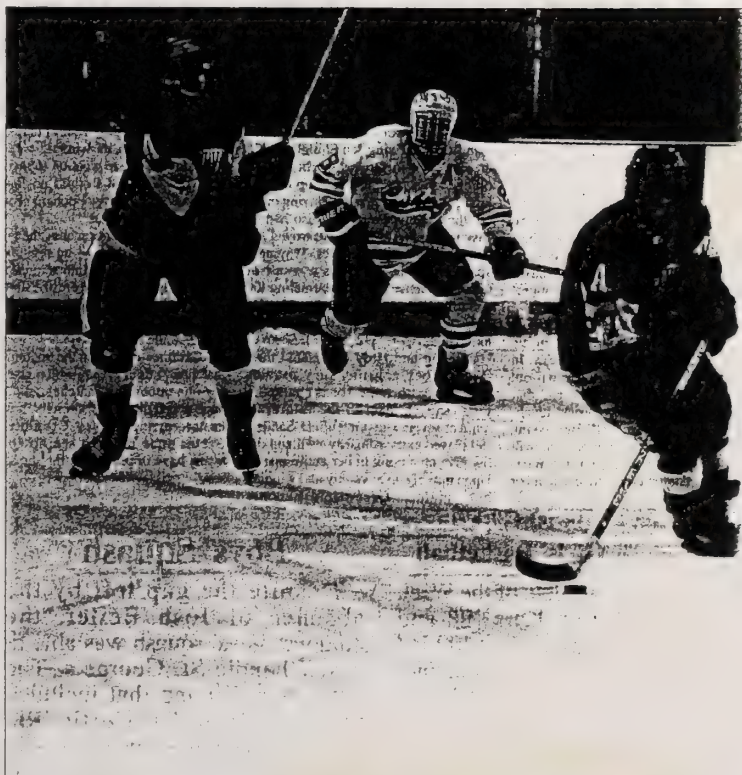
As the first period started it looked as if Berard would get his wish as Andrew Beasley opened the scoring six and one half minutes into the period. Andover's Mark Mahoney dumped the puck into their offensive zone where Beasley picked it up and caught the Cushing goalie off guard scoring on a wrap around shot. In the next five minutes of the first period, the Blue had only one scoring opportunity; whereas, Cushing had many. Berard was under consistent pressure and kept his cool turning away many solid shots. Twelve minutes into the period Andover took an unnecessary

interference penalty. On the ensuing power play Cushing was able to capitalize and tie the game. With five seconds remaining in the period, following an unsuccessful Andover power play, Cushing caught Andover's defense off guard slipping the puck past Berard. At the end of the first period, Andover was down 2-1; however, they demonstrated that they were capable of competing with one of the top teams in New England.

The second period began with the Blue playing the same type of hockey as in the first. Halsey Coughlin '99 was able to draw a penalty on a Cushing defender one minute into the period. When Andover was unable to score on the power play, their shoulders dropped in frustration. Cushing, like any good team would, sensing the momentum was on their side, quickly scored four goals in the next seven minutes. Before Andover could recover, they were down 6-1. The Cushing goals came as a result of Andover's many penalties. When the Blue returned to the locker room after two periods of play, the game was out of reach.

In the third period, Andover was unable to score on any of their three power plays. However, Cushing scored its final goal midway through the period to make the score 7-1. Although the game was a blowout, Greg Berard came up big for the Blue turning aside 26 shots.

If the Blue hopes to win its next two games to remain above five hundred, it will have to put this defeat behind them.



Brett Farson '99 has scored some big goals for Andover this season. Unfortunately, though, he and the rest of the boys' hockey team were held to only one goal in a 7-1 loss against Cushing on Wednesday.

Hockey Statistics

	Players	Points	Goals	Assists
9	Jonathon Sinex	31	13	18
7	Andrew Beasley	30	12	18
27	Brett Farson	27	12	15
16	Halsey Coughlin	25	15	10
2	Scott Darci	14	6	8
26	Chris Yorty	14	3	11
11	Mark Mahoney	13	7	6
3	Mike Turner	10	1	9
18	Justin Blanch	6	1	5
21	Bobby Jaros	4	2	2
12	Dan Burkons	4	2	2
5	Scott Ward	4	0	4
15	Charlie Resor	4	1	3
19	Ali Ghaffari	4	0	4
24	Mike Murphy	4	1	3
10	Chris Clarke	3	1	2
8	Eric Chaise	0	0	0
	Goaltenders	Min.	G. A.	GAA
33	Greg Berard	987	62	2.82
1	Ben Hall	8	2	11.25

DATE OF CONTEST: February 14, 1998

OPPONENT: Belmont Hill

WHERE PLAYED: Belmont Hill

RESULT: Andover Defeat

Final Score: 1-2

DATE OF CONTEST: February 18, 1998

OPPONENT: Cushing

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULT: Andover Defeat

Final Score: 7-1

DATE OF CONTEST: February 21, 1998

OPPONENT: Tabor

WHERE PLAYED: Tabor

RESULT: Andover Defeat

Final Score: 1-5



DATE OF CONTEST: February 25, 1998

OPPONENT: NMH

WHERE PLAYED: NMH

RESULT: Andover Defeat

Final Score: 3-4

Hockey Unable to Snap Losing Streak, Now 4

by Tyler Cowan and Mike Pierog
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Tabor	5
Andover	1
NMH	4
Andover	3



The Andover Boys hockey team dropped their third and fourth straight games to Tabor and NMH respectively. Saturday, the boys were soundly defeated, 5-1, by Tabor. Wednesday, the Blue traveled to NMH

where they lost a closely contested game, 4-3. Despite the two losses the boys look ahead to their season finale against Exeter as a chance to avenge an earlier loss in front of the home fans.

Tabor

On Saturday, the boys traveled to Tabor where they were looking to avenge their previous loss in December, a heartbreaker, 3-2. They hoped to improve upon their dismal performance against prep-school powerhouse, Cushing Academy, in which they suffered frequent defensive lapses and inconsistent goaltending.

The Blue came out with a vengeance in the first period playing solid defense while maintaining constant pressure on the Tabor goaltender. Andover broke the scoreless tie midway into the period with a powerplay goal by, leading scorer, Jon Sinex '00. Tabor was penalized for interference; Andover capitalized on their man advantage when Brett Farson '99 passed the puck to Mark Mahoney '98, who in turn made a penetrating pass through the Tabor defense and onto the stick of Sinex. Sinex one-timed the puck top shelf past the helpless Tabor goalie. The remainder of the period saw no goals by either team, but it was exciting none the less. Andover continued their offensive onslaught; however, the Tabor goalie was equal to the task. Andover returned to the locker room leading 1-0.

Andover started the second period without any offensive flare. Andover found itself caught in its defensive zone for the first two minutes of the period. The Blue quickly became frustrated at their inability to clear the puck from its zone, and thus amassed two unnecessary interference penalties. On the subsequent Tabor powerplay, Greg Berard '98 faced a slew of shots. Although Berard made several saves, Tabor was eventually able to slip one passed Berard tying the score at one. In the next five minutes Berard broke down, struggling to meet the oncoming forwards, and giving up rebounds to the Tabor offense. Berard let in three more Tabor shots giving the home team a commanding 4-1 lead. Andover continued to struggle defensively throughout the rest of the period, giving up yet another goal on an odd man rush, leaving score 5-1 Tabor after two periods of play.

In the third period, Greg Berard put what was perhaps the worst period

of his high-school hockey career behind him as he held Tabor scoreless. Offensively, Andover was unable to capitalize on the few scoring chances that they had. The boys dropped their third straight by a score of 5-1 bringing their record to a discouraging 13-12-1.

Although Andover struggled in this match-up with Tabor, it had reason to be proud of its powerplay. Since the beginning of the season, the blue powerplay has seen a dramatic improvement. In the past few games, with the exception of the Cushing game, the boys have been very dangerous when on the man advantage.

NMH

On Wednesday, Andover took the long road trip to NMH where it looked to get their first win in four games. The Blue players hoped to take their powerplay success into the game versus NMH.

The boys made crisp passes, played solid defense, and showed their offensive flare at the beginning of the first period. Jon Sinex extended his scoring streak with a goal one minute into the first. Scott Darci '01 gave a break out pass to Sinex who then led an odd man rush on the NMH defense scoring on a slapshot from the point, beating the NMH goalie five-hole. Fifty three seconds later, NMH responded with a goal of its own as a result of Andover's inability to clear the puck from its zone. With constant pressure on the Andover goal, an NMH defenseman was able to beat Greg Berard on a screen shot. Andover's Scott Darci broke the tie five minutes into the period on a tip in from a Mark Ottariano '00 shot from the point, giving the Blue a 2-1 advantage. Mark Mahoney '98 capped the scoring for the first period on a break-away giving the Blue a, what appeared to be, commanding 3-1 lead going into the first intermission.

Andover began the second period with very little intensity. They gave up a goal to NMH one minute into the period. Two minutes later, Andover was assessed an unsportsmanlike penalty, giving NMH a powerplay. NMH capitalized, tying the score at three. Andover was plagued by penalties for the remainder of the period; the majority of which were caused by its frustrations. After two periods of play, the score was tied at three.

NMH again started the third period quickly, netting an early goal that broke the 3-3 tie. The goal was scored on an odd-man rush mainly as a result of the Andover forwards' failure to backcheck. The Blue tried valiantly to tie the game, but were unable to mount a successful scoring attack against the air-tight NMH defense. The game was just another in a long line of disappointing losses for the blue.

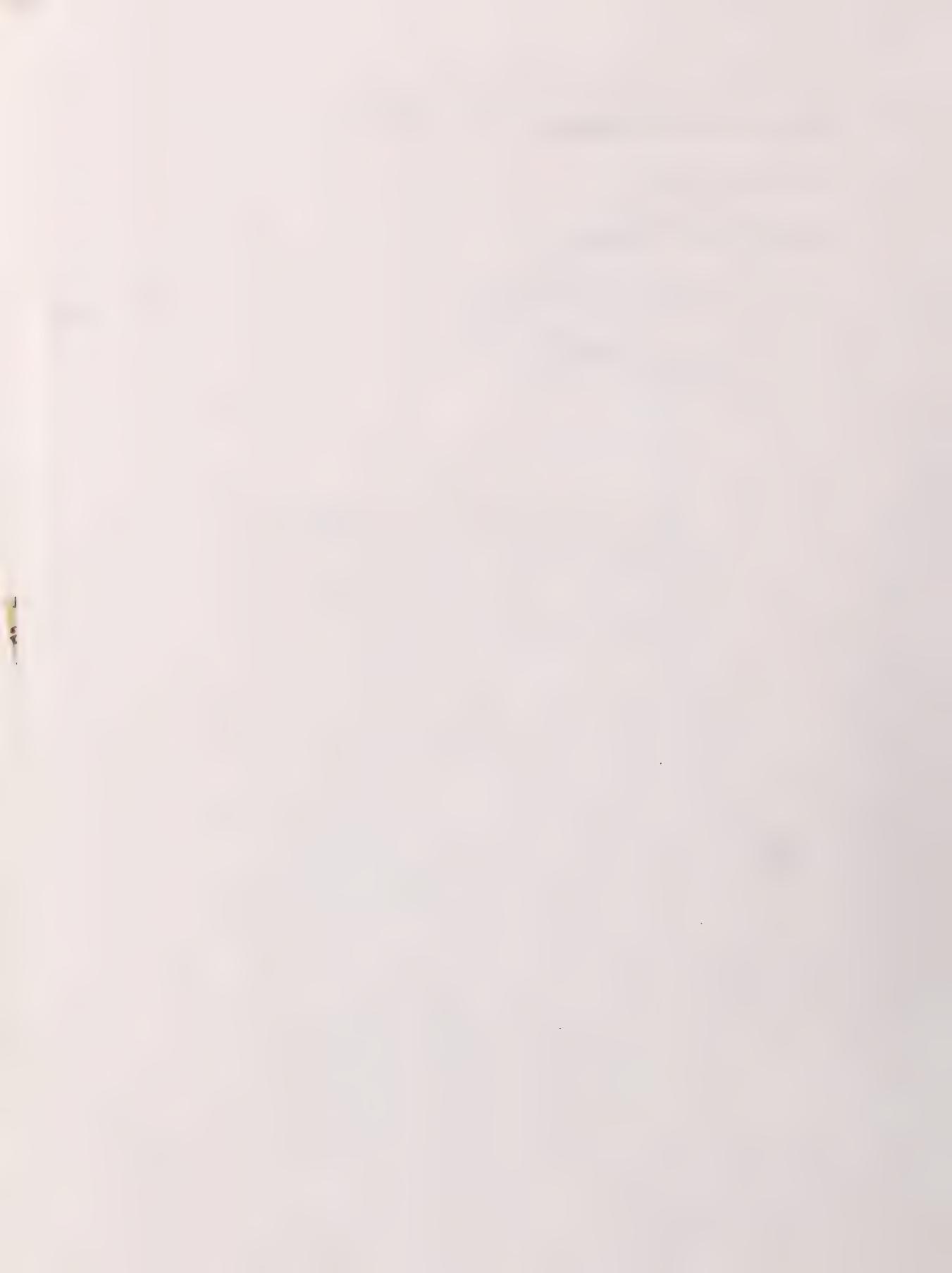
The Andover players look to salvage their season with a victory over their arch-rival, Exeter. The two teams met earlier this year, and Exeter was able to pull out the victory, 3-2. The boys are hoping to end their four game skid in this important match-up at home this Saturday.

DATE OF CONTEST: ^{February}~~January~~ 28, 1998

OPPONENT: Exeter

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULT: Andover Victory
Final Score: 1-3



Hockey Mince Red Meat

by Cowan and Mike Pierog
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On Saturday, the Andover boys' hockey team ended its four game skid with a hard-earned, emotional victory over arch-rival, Exeter. The boys avenged their earlier season loss to Exeter with a 3-1 win.

was led by Halsey Coughlin had a goal and two assists, senior captain Greg Berard '98, unbeatable in net with twenty shots.

ans crammed into Sumner h, anticipating an intense between two bitter rivals. For Andrew Beasley, Greg Berard, Mahoney, Dan Burkons, Chns d Ali Ghaffari, this game the end of their Andover For the team, playing this first Exeter at home in front city crowd only added to the of the moment.

all Andover-Exeter match- one began with tempers flar- Blue immediately established sical presence when Scott stepped up at the blue line ered a bone-crunching check eter forward. Two minutes first period Andover went on er-play when an Exeter

defenseman was called for highstick- ing. Although Andover was unable to capitalize on the ensuing man advantage, the Blue generated some offense with two shots on goal. Minutes later, Exeter had a power-play of their own when Mark Mahoney '98 cross-checked an Exeter forward from behind. Exeter demonstrated the potential of its power-play creating four shots on goal, but Andover goalie, Greg Berard, was equal to the task. After seven minutes of excellent hockey by both teams, Andrew Beasley '98 broke the tie, scoring a spectacular goal with just eleven seconds remaining in the period. Scott Ward began the play by dumping the puck into Andover's offensive zone. Halsey Coughlin picked up the loose puck and passed it to Beasley, who in turn showed his quickness and agility by beating a sprawled out Exeter goalie glove side. Andover took a 1-0 into the first intermission.

The Big Blue began the second period with offensive flare, and created a power-play opportunity forty nine seconds into the period when Exeter was called for a hooking penalty. On the subsequent power-play, Halsey Coughlin extended the Andover lead to two goals. Mark Mahoney blasted a shot from the blue line which was tipped by Coughlin passed a screened Exeter goalie.

Three unnecessary penalties left Andover short-handed for the remainder of the period. Exeter, boasting a



Andover's boys' hockey team sailed to a 3-1 victory in Saturday's contest against Exeter. PG Mark Mahoney iced the game for Andover with an empty-net goal.

Photo: L. Hoopes

seventy percent conversion rate on the power-play during the regular season, recieved the opportunity to get back into the game; however, the Griffins were unable to beat Berard on this occasion. In addition to Berard's excellent goal tending, Andover's penalty-kill unit, led by Halsey Coughlin and Jon Sinex '00, shut down the Exeter offense with excellent defensive play.

At the end of the second period there was a scuffle resulting in matching penalties for both teams. After two periods of play, Andover led 2-0.

Looking to hold onto their lead in the third period, the boys played sound defensive hockey. Andover gave up very few scoring opportunities to the Exeter offense;

however, their one defensive breakdown led to a penalty with six and one half minutes remaining in the game. Exeter's power-play unit was finally able to capitalize on an odd man rush making the score 2-1. With two minutes remaining in the game, Exeter opted to pull its goalie, and play with a one man advantage. Andover's Mark Mahoney thwarted the Exeter rally with an empty net goal. As the final buzzer echoed throughout the rink, Andover celebrated its well deserved 3-1 victory.

The key to Andover's victory was undoubtedly the outstanding play of seniors Greg Berard and Andrew Beasley, who gave the young Andover team enough leadership to avenge an earlier season loss. The presence of Berard between the pipes for the Blue, and the talent of Beasley, enabled Andover to end their up and down season on a high note with this well fought victory over Exeter.

In addition to the contribution of the seniors, the boys were helped by an enthusiastic Andover crowd who threw fish and an octopus on the ice after the team's first period goal. Hopefully, the Andover team will be able to draw this kind of support from the fans next season as they return with a talented bunch of lower classmen.

Andover 3, Exeter 1

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Shots on goal- And 6-4-6-- 16; Exet 8-4-3--27.

Power play- Andover 1-3; Exeter 1-6.

Goalies- Andover, Berard (27 shots-26 saves); Exeter, Morrison (16 saves-13 saves).



Andover hockey team rallies together after game against Exeter.

Photo: L. Hoopes



Long Season Drags Down Boys' Hockey, Next Year Looks Promising

by Tyler Cowan
STATSMAN



BOYS' HOCKEY

If final scores were determined by the quality of chances, time of possession, who had more energy left when the final buzzer sounded and who possessed more heart, then the Andover boys' hockey team would have won most of their games and made the NEPSAC tournament. But the reality is that hockey is hockey, and wins and losses are determined by how many pucks cross the goal line.

Saying that the boys' hockey team struggled would be an understatement, but the fact of the matter is that they put every last bit of effort into their games that they could conjure, and the puck just didn't bounce in favor of the team. The season was successful nonetheless, though, at times not rewarding. They had good games and bad ones, games they would like to remember, and others they would prefer to forget.

This year's team was the youngest and smallest team that has represented Andover in recent years; nonetheless, they challenged the overblown teams in the league, and often played their best games against them. Though they were small, and new to each other at the beginning of the season, they developed into a dedicated, physical and sound squad. Coach Chris Gurry pushed the players to their maximum, netting a payoff of victories and blissful moments.

Led by senior captain Greg Berard, the boys managed to salvage a winning season ending with a respectable 14-13-1 record. They began the season on a high note winning the

vast majority of their games before January. Upon their return to Andover in the winter, the boys' had a few key victories, most notably an upset win over Deerfield. Known as a perennial prep-school powerhouse, Deerfield arrived in Andover expecting to roll to yet another victory; but to their surprise, Andover came out with offensive flare shaking up Deerfield's game plan. The Blue sent a stunned Deerfield squad home with a 5-3 loss.

Following the Deerfield match-up, Andover hit a pothole in the road to success. Unable to capitalize on vital offensive opportunities, and plagued by defensive mishaps, Andover was unable to build on its Deerfield win. This ongoing struggle would continue until the end of the season when the Blue had an intense match up with Exeter.

With their playoff hopes dashed, Andover stepped on the ice for their final game of the season against Exeter, attempting to salvage its sense of pride as a quality hockey club, and to avenge its earlier loss to Exeter. Like all Andover-Exeter match-ups, tempers were flaring, insults were traded, and quality hockey was played. Thanks to a valiant effort by senior Andrew Beasley, Andover came out on top winning 3-1.

The Andover-Exeter game was the final game for seniors: captain Greg Berard, Andrew Beasley, Mark Mahoney, Ali Ghafari, Chris Clark and Dan Burkons. All of whom will be sorely missed. Berard's Andover career has been memorable, best known for his tremendous performance against Cushing his upper year during the 1996-1997 season. He led Andover to an upset victory giving Cushing its only loss of the season, facing 63 shots and turning all but one aside. Berard ended the season with a very small goals against average, a .4 and a high save percentage in 28 games. It was

Greg's leadership qualities and motivational skills which kept the boys' heads held high at times of disappointment throughout the season.

Andrew Beasley, Andover's most talented forward, helped propel the Blue's offense to success. Centering the first line, he contributed greatly to the Andover offense with the help of linemates Jon Sinex '00 and Halsey Coughlin '99. His superb skating skills, quickness and passing ability intimidated opposing goalies.

As the boys' hockey teams only post graduate, Mark Mahoney was able to add to the Andover offense while bringing a sense of leadership and seniority to the squad.

This season, Andover had many talented underclassmen who contributed to both the offensive and defensive sides of the team. Jon Sinex '00, in his second season with Andover, led the team in goals and overall points. Jon's quickness and superb shooting dazzled opposing goaltenders, while his toughness and fearlessness intimidated opposing players. Halsey Coughlin '99, also in his second year at Andover, combined with Sinex and Beasley to create a potent offense. Halsey often propelled Andover to victory with three key game-tying or game-winning goals, most notably against his former school, Belmont Hill. Mike Turner '00 lead the Andover defense with his quick stick, superb positioning and slap shot. Although Andover's defense struggled for the most part, at fault for many of their goals, it was Mike who remained consistent through the year. Defenseman Chris Yorty '00 played solid hockey throughout the season. As a physical player, Yorty lead the team in penalty minutes, but often shook up opposing teams with his physical play.

With the loss of several key players, Andover will have some space to fill in the line up next year. They will look towards captain Brett Farson '99 for leadership and guidance, while relying on Coughlin and Sinex for offensive flare. Turner and Yorty will lead a defense with the help of standout Scott Ward '01. In addition to the core of returning players, Andover has several recruits lined up for next year's team. Two defensemen from the Philadelphia Junior Flyers, former teammates of Sinex and Yorty, will join the young Andover defense. Two goalies will challenge Ben Hall '01 for the void left by Berard. Several new forwards will also join the young Andover offense. Next year the boys' hockey team will emerge as a year older and wiser ready to play solid hockey. With improvement in the off season, and with a vigorous off-ice conditioning scheduled for the fall, Andover hopes to improve upon this years mediocre season.

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Post-graduate Mark Mahoney, shown here, was one of the hockey team's leading scorers. His powerful shot and senior leadership were integral parts of the '98 hockey team.

Photo / J. Mitchell

Greg Berard '98

by Mike Pierog
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

In his three years at Phillips Academy, Greg Berard has earned the respect of the faculty and students. As a member of the boys' varsity hockey team, Greg brought intensity with him every time he stepped onto the ice. Although the 1997-8 season did not see the boys' hockey team winning a championship, Greg's leadership was constant, and his experience helped the young team mature. During the past season Greg played excellently, protecting the PA goal and shutting down opposing forwards. Greg's experience and leadership have earned him the honor of Athlete of the Term.

Born and raised in Woonsocket, Rhode Island, Greg grew up in an atmosphere that was integral to his love of hockey. First introduced to the game by his father, he began his career at the age of four and progressed on to play on the local Woonsocket Northstars. At first his parents stressed the importance of just having fun, but as Greg got older and developed an obvious propensity for hockey, they encouraged him to develop his talents. Even though it meant early mornings in cold rinks and long car rides to games, the dedication Greg showed in those earlier years helped him gain valuable experience as a goal-tender.

Before attending PA, Greg attended St. Raphael's, a parochial school in Woonsocket. There, Greg was able to compete against his brother Brian, who played on a rival high school team. The match-ups between the two siblings were always competitive, mirroring in many ways Greg's equally charged career at St. Raphael's. Despite the fact that he enjoyed his

time at St. Raphael's, Berard eventually made the difficult decision to transfer to Andover and repeat his Lower year. Greg's start at PA, although understandably difficult, was eased significantly by Andover Hockey Coaches Gurry and Grogen, who along with his teammates helped him to make an almost seamless transition into the Phillips Academy community.

Berard, upon moving into Stearns, was immediately accepted by his fel-

lowers. This was perhaps the greatest effort ever put forth by a Phillips Academy goal-tender, and it catapulted a confident Andover boys hockey team into the New England Tournament.

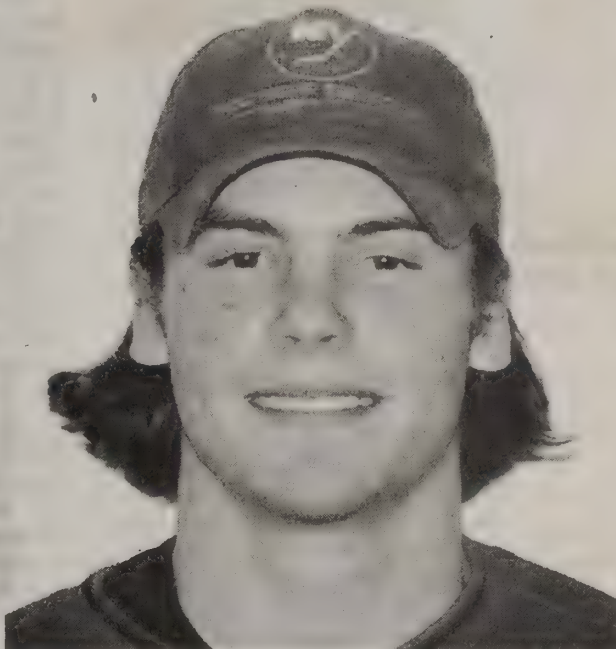
In the New England Tournament, Greg had one of his most memorable hockey experiences. Although Reisor had recorded a shutout in the Blue's first tournament game, the coaches again showed their confidence in Greg

by giving him the start against Canterbury, one of the favorites. Berard once again came up big for the Blue. He had an amazing game in between the pipes, allowing Andover to advance with a 5-2 victory.

Eventually, Greg's Lower year performances against Cushing and Canterbury and his solid play throughout Upper year earned him the honor of being the captain of the '97-'98 Andover boys hockey team. For Greg, "it really meant a lot to be elected by [his] teammates," and he rose to the occasion by clearly earning the respect of his fellow players. Brett Farson '99 echoed the boys' basic sentiments toward their Captain when he commented on Greg's play in

saying, "We did not play against a better goalie all year."

In retrospect, Greg is quick to give credit to his teammates for his success and his parents for encouraging him to play hockey from an early age. When Berard came here, he did not know what to expect. He knew Andover hockey had a lot to offer, but was unsure about living at a boarding school. Now, as his Andover life nears an end, Berard can look back at all of the friendships he has developed, the games he has played and feel confident that Andover was the right place for him after all.



low hockey playing dormmates. When the season started, he was able to rotate games with Nick Riesor '97, the goalie from the year before. Coach Gurry thus demonstrated his trust and faith in Greg by giving him such an opportunity while he was only a Lower, and was rightfully rewarded by Berard's powerful presence on the ice. During Greg's Lower year, the Andover boys' hockey team enjoyed great success, having beaten perennial power, Cushing, by a score of 3-2. Berard was immense in the goal for the Blue as he turned away an amazing sixty-three Cushing shots to preserve



Halsey Coughlin '99

"[Halsey] is a great player. He plays well on both ends of the ice and is well respected by all his teammates"

— Captain Greg Berard '98

by Kate MacMillan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

The boys' varsity hockey team has enjoyed an upswing in their record recently, and much of their success can be credited to Halsey Coughlin, who has been instrumental in the team's two most recent games (a 5-1 win over Loomis and a 3-0 shutout against major rival Deerfield) by scoring the gamewinning goal in each. His goal against Deerfield was particularly important, for it completely shifted the momentum of the game. Deerfield had been dominating the close 0-0 match, and Halsey's initial goal totally revived the Blue and brought on a wave of goals that led to the Blue's 3-0 victory over the talented Deerfield squad. In the words of Nick MacInnis '99, Halsey's tally was "arguably the biggest goal of the season...it was just huge."

Incredibly, it is a miracle that Halsey has been able to demonstrate such scoring prowess, for he was almost moved to defense last year. Luckily, he was kept at the center forward and wing positions, and is presently one of the team's leading goal scorers. What's most impressive is that Halsey has made so great an impact in such a short time—it only last year that he joined the team as a

new lower, and immediately he became an integral part of the squad. Judging by Halsey's performance this year, it is certain that the team will continue to prosper as long as he is skating on the ice for the Blue.

Halsey hails from the small town of Lincoln, Massachusetts. It has here, at the young age of three, that he began to learn the sport of ice hockey. His career began with his playing on Metro Teams, the first being the North Shore Raiders. Halsey continued to play on these teams until the seventh grade, when he entered the Belmont Hill School, a private, all-boys school in Belmont, Massachusetts with a great hockey tradition. Halsey soon joined a team at Belmont Hill, and by the time he entered the upper school he was playing on a varsity team the is one of the most consistently dominant in New England.

When he was in the tenth grade at Belmont Hill, Halsey decided that he wanted to repeat the tenth grade. However he didn't feel that Belmont Hill was the place to do it, and so he began to look at other prep schools. His sister, Alison Coughlin '95, was an Andover graduate and he therefore knew a little bit about the school. He applied, and, when he got in, Halsey decided to matriculate, for he liked the school and felt that it had a lot to offer.

He first arrived in the fall of 1996 for varsity soccer preseason. He had never played defense before, however the coaches asked him to step in at this position. Halsey met the challenge with ease, as seems to be his style, and has become one of the key defensive players on the team. This year Halsey helped lead the team to the New England tournament, despite the fact that no one expected so much from the squad at the beginning of the season. As a result of his tremendous play and obvious leadership abilities, Halsey was elected captain of next year's team.

The fact that soccer is only Halsey's second-strongest sport (after hockey) just accentuates his superb athleticism. Last year Halsey tried out for the varsity lacrosse team, despite the fact that he hadn't played in three years. Of course he made it, and thus became a tri-varsity athlete, which is quite an outstanding accomplishment (and honor) for any athlete.

In terms of college, Halsey only knows that he would like to continue his hockey career at an Ivy League school. Which one, however, remains to be seen. He will doubtless continue to amaze everyone with his countless feats on the playing fields, and perhaps even a championship or two will come to Halsey before he leaves.



GIRLS' ICE HOCKEY - 1997-98

			PA	OPP
Wed., Nov. 19	Casco Bay	(H)	6	3
Fri., Nov. 21	Wolfeboro	(H)	4	3
Wed., Dec. 3	K.U.A.	(A)	2	7
Sat., Dec. 6	St. Mark's	(H)	2	7
Sun., Dec. 14	Peabody	(H)	2	4
Mon., Dec. 15	Boston Ice Women	(H)	1	2
Tues., Dec. 16	Hanover High	(A)	5	7
Thurs., Dec. 18	Hotchkiss	(A)	0	8
	Groton		2	5
Fri., Dec. 19	Lawrenceville	(A)	7	3
Sat., Jan. 7	Choate	(H)	1	12
Sun., Jan. 8	Alumni	(H)	5	5
Wed., Jan. 14	New Hampton	(A)	2	6
Sat., Jan. 17	St. Paul's	(H)	1	6
Wed., Jan. 21	Lawrence Academy	(H)	0	8
Sat., Jan. 24	Groton	(H)	3	5
Wed., Jan. 28	Cushing	(A)	0	11
Sat., Jan. 31	Deerfield	(H)	1	6
Wed., Feb. 4	Exeter	(A)	2	7
Sat., Feb. 7	B.B. & N.	(H)	2	5
Wed., Feb. 11	Tabor	(H)	4	5
Fri., Feb. 13	N.M.H.	(H)	0	2
Wed., Feb. 18	Noble & Greenough	(A)	0	4
Fri., Feb. 20	Milton	(H)	2	7
Sat., Feb. 21	Brooks	(A)	1	0
Wed., Feb. 25	Holderness	(A)	8	5
Sat., Feb. 28	Exeter	(H)	3	10

Hockey Struggles

by Meredith Hudson
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Choate	17
Andover	1
Hampton	6
Andover	2

The girls' ice hockey team, led by Captain Anna Cooper '98, started out its season with

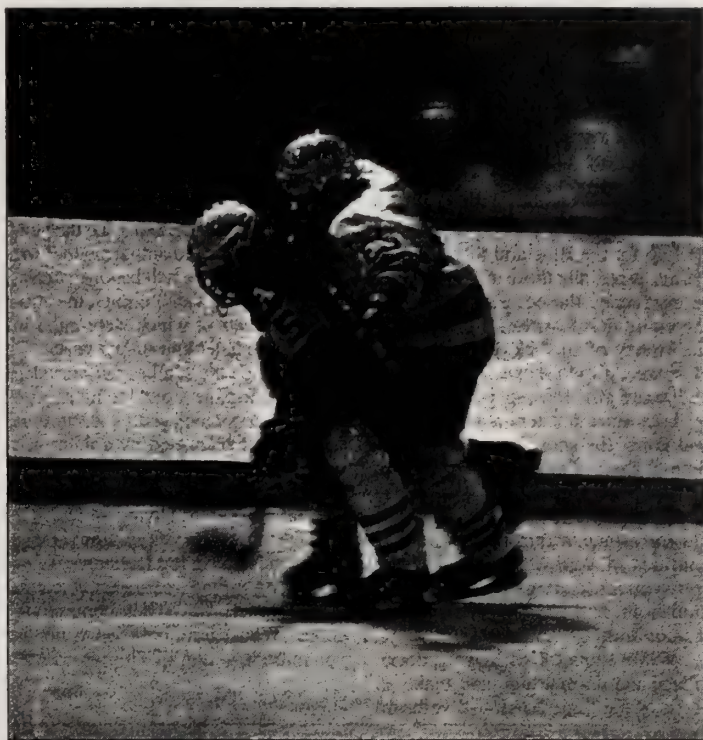
two wins. Katie Breen '00 scored three goals in the second game as Andover beat Wolfboro. However the team was not as successful against powerhouses Choate, Kimball Union, and St. Marks.

The team participated in the Taft Invitational Tournament in Connecticut during winter break, and played a few home games during the week. In the first game of the tournament, Andover came out strong, but were shot down by the strength and size of Hothchkiss. The team, with hopes of stepping up to a higher level, stepped out onto the ice for its second game against Groton.

The game was evenly matched, and Andover seemed to dominate very early in the contest. Andover ultimately lost, but were definitely ready to take on its next competitors. The team's final game was against Lawrenceville Academy, and Andover came out with the will and determination to play hard for a full 60 minutes. They were determined to leave the tournament with a win and were very happy to do so.

After winter break Andover played Choate Rosemary Hall. Goaltenders Rachel Bain '98 and Katherine Otway '00 did all they could to keep the puck out of the net, but the team proved no match for the strong Choate team. Jess Judge '00 and Heather Gotha '98 had many scoring opportunities up front, but were not able to capitalize until late in the second period, when Katie Breen '00 scored the team's first goal.

Cooper and Merri Hudson '01 played a strong game at defense, preventing many scoring chances. Rachel Burnes '99, Emily Tompkins '99, and Susan Friedell '98 showed constant hustle and had many chances to score,



The girls' hockey team has been unable to break out of its scoring slump.

Photo / J. Mitchell

but similarly could not get the puck past Choate's goalie. Though frustrated and tired, the girls entered the third period with one thing in mind: to score. Hillary Fitzpatrick '00, Charlene Caputo '99, and Sarah Cote '00 came out skating hard and fought for every puck. Despite these efforts, the team was not able to score again in the third period, as time ran out, leaving the team with a debilitating loss.

The next game was against the Andover Alumni on Sunday afternoon. Among the skaters on the Alumni team was coach Martha Fenton, and assistant coach Amanda Adams. The game was tied at the end of regulation time 5-5, and the teams decided to have an overtime period. Though no one scored during overtime, the game was fun for everyone and all would agree that it was great to see young and old together playing the one sport they love.

On Wednesday afternoon the team traveled to New Hampshire to take on the New Hampton School. The game stared out slow due to the chilling weather inside the rink and the absence of their starting center, Rebec-

ca Godsill, who is out because of illness. Tough playing by Anna Cooper '98, and Susanna Richardson '00 kept the team going during the game. Andover was unable to capitalize on opportunities to score in the first period.

New Hampton, on the other hand, had a few lucky breaks and managed to score three goals. After a short break between periods, Jess Judge '00 knocked one home early in the second period, giving Andover the boost of confidence it needed. Andover was clearly dominating the ice.

The third period started off with immense pressure from the forward line of Cote, Caputo, and Fitzpatrick. The Blue managed to notch a goal late in the game by Jess Judge assisted by Katie Breen '00. Goalie Rachel Bain '98 played spectacularly in net, making 38 saves. The final score of the game was 6-2, New Hampton. The team was proud of the effort it had showed, but must improve if they want to break this small slump. With St. Paul's this Saturday, the squad has its chance.

Girls' Hockey Continues to Slide Against Cushing, Groton

by Merri Hudson

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Deerfield at 6:30pm on Saturday, January 31.

Cushing	10
Andover	0
Groton	5
Andover	3

Andover suffered through another tough week losing both games. Overmatched

against Cushing, the Blue fell 10-0 and then, in a game that could have gone either way, they lost 5-3 to Groton. Although this year has been hard, Andover is taking it in stride and the future looks bright for the Blue

Cushing

Andover traveled to Cushing Academy on Wednesday to face one of the strongest teams in its division. The girls knew that the game would be challenging, but sought to try their best no matter what happened, and treated the game as a learning experience. The team came out skating hard and kept Cushing off the scoreboard until half way through the first period. Unfortunately Cushing got on fire early and scored ten goals by the end of the game.

The forward line of Hillary Fitzpatrick '00, Charlene Caputo '99, and Sarah Cote '00 had many chances and played a great game as a line. Defensive pairs Susannah Richardson '00 and Anna Cooper '98 played a good game, weakening the Cushing offense. Both goalies, Rachel Bain '98 and Katherine Otway '00 played awesome during the game, each having many spectacular saves. The team faces

Groton

The girls' ice hockey team was close to winning this past Saturday when it played the Groton School. Andover was ready for this game and knew from past experience that Groton was beatable. The teams faced each other in the Taft Tournament over winter break, and the scores were surprisingly similar. Andover's first goal was scored by Jess Judge '00 and assisted by Merri Hudson '01. Abby Gardner '98 played a solid game at defense preventing many potential scoring chances.

Unfortunately, Andover's goal was answered by two scores by Groton. Andover's Heather Gotha '98 lit the lamp once more for the Big Blue with a pass from Katie Breen '00.

Scoring, which had been Andover's weakness in the past, was ample; defensive troubles plagued the girls. Breen scored the Blue's last goal of the game assisted by Gotha and Anna Cooper '98. Goalie Katherine Otway continued to play spectacular for Andover, and had 28 saves. The forward line of Rachel Burnes '99, Susan Friedell '98 and Emily Tompkins '99 played a great game, providing many offensive attacks. The game was a true test of the team's moral and sportsmanship. Andover may not be on a winning streak, but every game is seen as a chance to improve its skills and come together as a team.

Girls' Hockey Still Chasing Elusive Win, Falling to Disappointing 0-16

by Meredith Hudson
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Tabor	5
Andover	4
BB&N	5
Andover	2

The girls' ice hockey team played a spectacular game on Wednesday afternoon

against Tabor Academy. The Big Blue came out skating hard in the first period, with the first goal coming from Heather Gotha '98 off an



amazing pass from Merri Hudson '01. The Blue was on a roll. Becca Godsill '99 scored the second goal of the game after an assist from Katie Breen '00. The forward line of Breen, Godsill and Jessica Judge '00 played a great game and provided many scoring chances. The team was in control and was winning; what more could the girls ask for? Though Tabor managed to score one goal in the first period, the Blue were still fired up and ready for a win.

The game picked up momentum

going into the second period and Tabor managed to score two more goals. They did not come unanswered, though.

Breen knocked the Blue's third goal home late in the period, tying up the game. Her goal was assisted by Judge. The defense, consisting of Abby Gardner '98, Susannah Richardson '00, Anna Cooper '98 and Carolyn Lindley '98 played a solid game, stepping up to the Tabor attack and preventing many shots on goal. Goalie Rachel Bain '98 was terrific, and turned away 30 shots in the game.

The third period started out with another Andover goal, once again coming from Breen, her second of the game. Andover was winning, and they were playing with everything they had. The forwards Hillary Fitzpatrick '00, Sarah Cote '00 and Charlene Caputo '99 played a great game and had many great forechecks.

Much to the Big Blue's dismay, Tabor somehow managed to score two more goals, giving them the edge when time ran out. Rachel Burnes '99, Susan Friedell '98, and Emily Tompkins '99 skated a hard game and

fought for every loose puck. The game was a booster for Andover, though not victorious, came off the ice with smiles and knew that they had given 150%.

BB&N

Andover faced off against BB&N last Saturday, and, while the Blue were once again outscored, they were not out-hustled. Andover came out strong from the beginning, with a positive mindset, and a aggressive attitude. Burnes and Tompkins played a strong game on the wings, while Gardner and Richardson showed strong support at the other end of the ice.

Both Andover goals came from lower superstar Judge, with help from linemates Godsill and Breen. Bain once again played spectacular in the net, turning away all but five of BB&N's shots. The team took this loss as a learning experience, as they were missing that little something that would have pushed them over the edge into the win column. The Big Blue's next home game is Friday night at 6:30 pm, when they will take on NMH.



Katie Breen controls the puck at center ice against BB&N

Photo / J. Mitchell



Scoring Woes Continue, Girls' Hockey Still in Search of Its First League Win of Year

by Meredith Hudson
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

NMH 2
Andover 0

Nobles 4
Andover 0



GIRLS' HOCKEY

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First Wins for GV Hockey

2/27 by Meredith Hudson

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Defensemen Susannah Richardson '00 and Abby Gardner '98 played a great game, keeping the Milton offense out of their zone.

Milton	7
Andover	2

Andover	1
Brooks	0

The girls' ice hockey team had their most successful

week of the season this past

week, winning two and losing one. In what has been a very disappointing season, the girls finally established some consistency and showed their capabilities



when all parts of their team play well.

Milton

The girls' ice hockey team lost its game against Milton last Friday 7-2. The team skated hard and played well, but were not able to put the puck in the net more than twice. The team came out strong in the first period and scored their first goal only minutes into the game. Heather Gotha '98 rushed the puck down the wing and took a shot that seemed to be an routine save for the Milton goalie. She gave up a rebound and Merri Hudson '01 was ready in front of the net to tuck the puck into the back of the net. This gave Andover a much needed boost of adrenaline and they knew that this game was within its reach.

Brooks

In its best game of the season, Andover beat Brooks by a score of 1-0. The excitement level was high and still rising as Andover stepped on the ice and began its warm-ups. The players knew that this game was one in which, if they played to their potential, they could win.

Andover scored the only goal of the game on a great play which involved a pass from every forward on the ice. Heather Gotha played the puck up to Becca Godsill '99 who found Katie Breen '00 wide open in front for an easy wrist shot past the sprawling Brooks' goalie. Andover dominated the play most of the game and Brooks had less than ten shots while the Big Blue had peppered the Brooks' goalie with 46 shots. Abby Gardner '98 and Anna Cooper '98 got the blue going offensively, as they continuously won the puck in their own zone and counter-attacked. Gardner played a superb game, stopping break-away after break-away from Brook's speedy forward. Goalie Katherine Otway was playing her absolute best, as she shutout the talented Brooks offense. The win marked Andover's first league win of the season.

Hockey Still in Search of its First League Win of Year

by: Meredith Hudson

PHILIPPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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Girls' Hockey Plays Hard but Finishes With a Loss to Exeter

by Meredith Hudson

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Exeter 10
Andover 3



The girls' ice hockey team played its last

game against Exeter on Saturday, but were unfortunately awarded the loss in its last game of the season. Though playing strong and,

like their previous game against Exeter, having the game tied after the first period, the Blue were not able to pull out a victory. Exeter somehow managed to squeak two goals past the normally unbeatable Blue goalie, Katherine Otway '00, in the first period. Taking a spectacular pass from Emily Tompkins '99, Merri Hudson '01 scored the Blue's first goal to get the team going in the first period. The defense, led by Anna Cooper '98, played a great game. Also playing a great game on defense were Susannah Richardson '00 and Abby Gardner '98. Andover's second goal came from Katie Breen '00 who pushed the puck past the goalie after taking a pass from Jess Judge '00. By scoring its second goal Andover clearly showed Exeter that the Exxies were in a game. Andover's highlight came when Sarah Cote '00 scored on a pass from Andover's "Green Line" comprised of Cote, Hillary Fitzpatrick '00 and Charlene Caputo '99. The goal was incredible, leaving the Exeter goalie baffled and flustered. As Hillary Fitzpatrick '00 rushed the puck down the wing she found Charlene Caputo '99 open in front. The unselfish Caputo made a quick pass to Sarah Cote '00 who was in great position to score. The game, though, ended leaving Andover on the short end of a 10-3 game. The score does not, however, depict the effort put forth by both Andover goaltenders, Katherine Otway and Rachel Bain '98 as well as the rest of the team. As the last forty seconds ticked off the clock, Andover had all six seniors out on the ice. The Blue will be saying good-bye to captain Anna Cooper '98, Heather Gotha '98, Abby Gardner '98, Susan Freidell '98, Carolyn Lindley '98 and goalie Rachel Bain.

Skiing - Nordic

Ballard-Perrin, Kimberly(cc)
Brodie, Ethan H.
Crawford, Bristol J.
Hubbard, Rutherford W.
Malcolmson, George F., I
Penley, Colin M.
Risteen, Nicholas M.
Schneider, Amanda E.
Upson, Grant P.(cc)
Watson, Keara M.

NORDIC SKIING

SPORT: _____

YEAR: 1997-98

CAPTAIN: Kimberly Ballard-Perrin & Grant Upson
HOME ADDRESS:

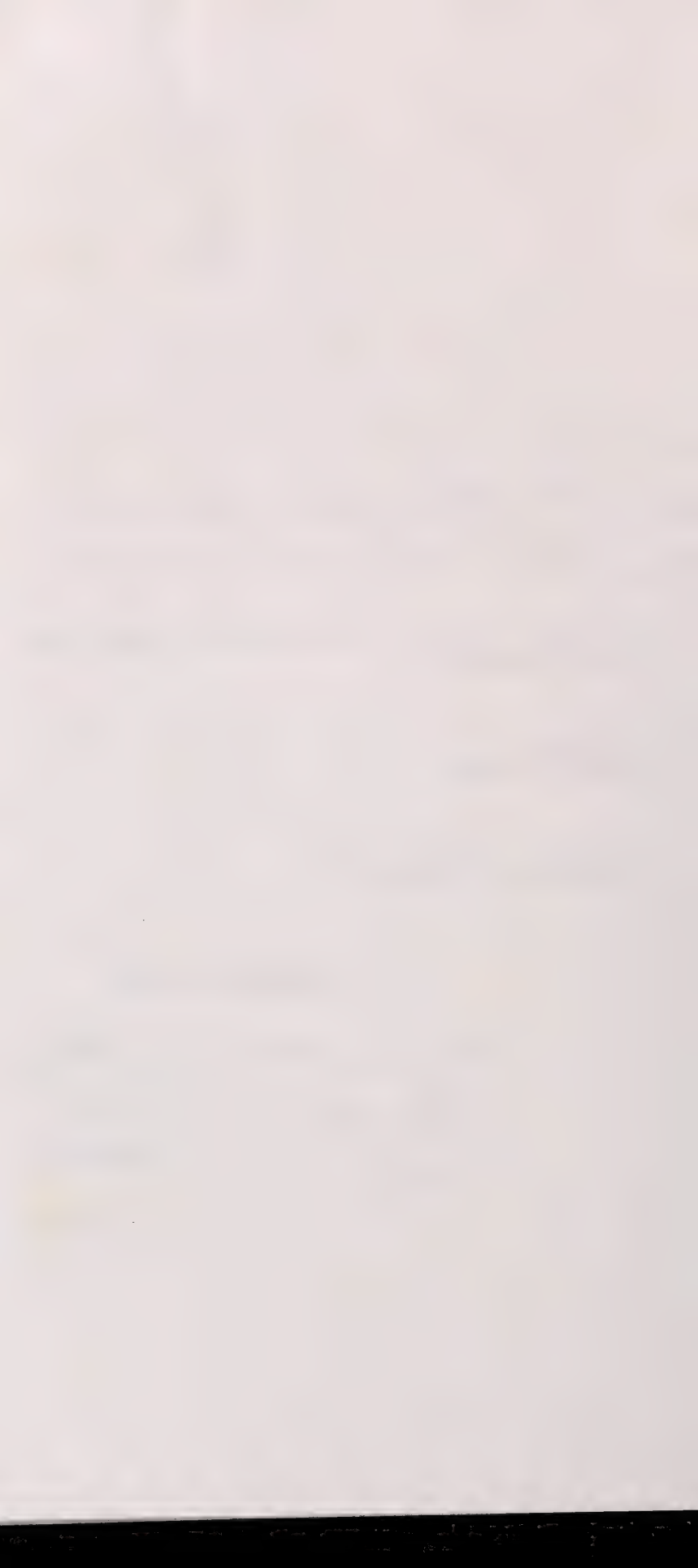
MANAGER:
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: Debbie Carlisle
ASSISTANT COACHES:

SEASON RECORD

WON _____ LOST _____ TIED _____

Boys- 4th at Interschols
Girls- 3rd at Interschols



First Nordic Meet in Over Fifteen Years To Be Held Saturday in Bird Sanctuary



Captain Kim Ballard-Perrin '98 has come up big in recent meets, improving her style and speeding up on the snow.

Photo / C. Wray

by Nick Risteen and Kim Ballard-Perrin

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS



Starting the season off on a good note, the nordic ski team had a great five-day training period over winter break at Mt. Saint Anne, north of Quebec. So far the team has had four races. The team's opener, at Holderness, was in the pouring rain, but Captain Kim Ballard '98 and Keara Watson '98 both performed well for the girls, finishing fourth and tenth respectively.

The Andover Boys, led by Captain Grant Upson '98, George Malcolmson '98, and Colin Penley '01, found the race to be fast and furious, but were not quite up to the challenge. At Proctor Academy in Andover, New Hampshire, the course was sheer ice, with a few corn stalks poking through.

The girls, Ballard and Watson finished 4th and 9th, while the Boys had better results than in previous races, adding racers Will Glass '98 and Ethan Brodie '99. Brodie and Penley were both pulled out of the race due to injury, one requiring 15 stitches. Upson finished sixteenth with Malcolmson coming in nineteenth. Glass finished seventeenth, a good result for his first race.

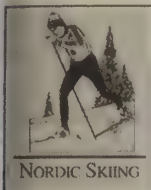
At Vermont Academy the following Wednesday, Ballard and Watson finished in the same places as the last race, fourth and ninth, and the boys' squad picked up speed and finished well. Upson came in eighteenth place and Brodie two spots behind him at twenty.

This Wednesday the team made the trek to Putney. Ballard and Watson again skied well coming 4th and eighth respectively. Upson had his best race to date, finishing sixteenth, with Malcolmson close behind in twentieth. This Saturday, at 2 p.m. in the sanctuary, the Nordic Ski Team will host a race for the first time in twelve years.

Cross Country Ski Team Shines in First Home Event in Twelve Years

by Kim Ballard

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



Saturday's race in the Sanctuary was the nordic teams' first home race in twelve years. With two of the usual Wednesday competitors present, St.

Paul's and NMH, the race was a great success. After shoveling snow all morning, the two loop course turned out to be a mix of ice and slush, adding to the challenge of the race. Keara Watson '98 and Kim

Ballard '98 led the girls to a first place finish, coming in first and second respectively. Mandy Schneider '98 and Morgan Swett '99 also raced well.

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In this past Wednesday's race, on a 7.2 km course at KUA, the boys'

team was once again led by Malcolmson who, finishing 16th, put on a spectacular show for Coach Wray, face planting at the top of the down hill. He was followed by Brodie and Penley who finished well in 26th and 27th places respectively. Risteen and Crawford also raced well.

For the girls' team Ballard finished sixth, but lost 40 seconds in a down hill fall. Ballard was followed by Watson who came in ninth, despite a bad fall resulting in a sprained thumb. Andover's first home race in twelve years was a tremendous success and Andover looks forward to hosting more in the future.



Andover's skiers enjoyed a home course advantage for the first time in twelve years.

Photo / J. Levine



Rigorous Training Prepares Nordic for Interschols

by Jack Kaminoh

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



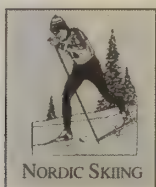
Entering the final weeks of the 1997-1998 season, the nordic ski team has been stepping up the pace of its training. The team was unable to do much training at Andover for the lack of snow. So during the long weekend, the team traveled up north to Sugarloaf, Maine to train. Coached by Coach Wray, the nordic skiers braved the sub-freezing temperatures and icy conditions to practice on Saturday and Sunday. The icy conditions made the courses fast, both up-hill and down-hill. The training, including a 10k loop and a 5k simulated race along with strenuous drills, left the team in good shape for the NEPSAC's Interschols on February 18. Grant Upson '98, Kim Ballard '98, George Malcolmson '98, and Keara Watson '98 left to come back to Andover on Saturday night for a race the next day in Vermont. The rest of the team practiced Sunday morning and came back in the evening. After taking a break on Monday, the team came together again on Tuesday to have practice and to get ready for the race. Leaving in the pre-dawn hours before the majority of the campus was awake; the team headed for the NEPSAC course on Wednesday morning.

For captains Grant Upson and Kim Ballard and senior members Keara Watson, Mandy Schneider, George Malcolmson and Brice Crawford, this will be their last year racing at Andover. Although these senior leaders will be sorely missed, with experienced racers such as Ethan Brodie '99, and Colin Penely '01 the team has a solid base which to build on for next year. Along with members including Nick Risteen '99, Winslow Hubbard '01, Adam Schoene '00, Yuuki Kaminoh '00 and Morgan Swett '99, cross-country skiing looks forward to even greater success and to host more meets in the sanctuary in the years to come.

'98 Nordic Hosts Race and Wins

Successful season marked by big girls' victory in first home race in twelve years

by Kim Ballard-Perrin
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



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SPORT: BOYS' SQUASH
YEAR: 1997-98

CAPTAIN: Peter Karlen
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: Tom Cone
ASSISTANT COACHES:

SEASON RECORD

WON 13 LOST 3 TIED

2nd at Interschols

LETTER WINNERS

Squash -BY

Beiler, Joshua W.
Christodoulo, Peter G.
Curtis, Patrick M.
Goldhirsh, Benjamin A.
Gutner, Michael M.
Hugo, John M.
Karlen, Peter B. (c)
Polasani, Sanjeev S.
Valdesolo, Piercarlo

BOYS' SQUASH - 1997-98

			PA	OPP
Sat., Nov. 22	M.I.T.	(A)	9	0
Wed., Dec. 3	Brooks scrimmage	(H)	6	1
Sat., Jan. 10	Choate	(H)	6	1
Wed., Jan. 14	Taft Deerfield	(A)	1 7	7 0
Sat., Jan. 24	Middlesex	(A)	7	0
Wed., Jan. 28	St. Paul's	(A)	6	1
Fri., Jan. 30	Tufts	(H)	9	0
Sat., Jan. 31	Westminster	(H)	7	0
	Brooks		6	1
Wed., Feb. 4	Exeter	(A)	2	5
Fri., Feb. 6	Tabor	(H)	7	0
Sat., Feb. 7	Milton	(A)	7	0
Wed., Feb. 11	Belmont Hill	(A)	3	4
Wed., Feb. 18	St. George's	(A)	7	0
Mon., Feb. 23	Groton	(H)	7	0
Wed., Feb. 25	Exeter	(H)	5	2
Sat., Feb. 28	Interschols at Trinity	(A)	2nd place	

Boys Take Two of Three

by Ben Goldhirsh and Carlo Valdesolo

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover 7

MIT JV 0

Andover 6

Choate 1

Taft 7

Andover 0

The season has begun well for the boys' squash team, which has relied almost primarily on the strength of its five seniors.

Under the tactical wizardry of coach Tom Cone, the heroic men's squash team handily defeated a befuddled MIT team. With the absence of squash phenom Pete Karlen '98, Peter Christodoulo '98 was thrust into the spotlight to face off against the fourth best player at MIT. The opponent, being of weak mental and physical stature, was unable to cope with Christodoulo's magnificent court presence—he's been lifting. Tri-varsity athlete Piercarlo Valdesolo, using superhuman speed, also crushed his opponent. After a close first game, Piercarlo issued an ultimatum: "I'll never lose to a kid with a ponytail." John Hugo, after turning down an offer to be the heavyweight for the wrestling team, came out on Saturday and brutally spanked yet another inferior opponent. Perhaps the most interesting match was at the four spot, where ladies' man Josh Beiler '98 squared up against his ultimate rival, a Polish girl. The match was close, largely because his concentration was disrupted by her feminine guile. Beiler later commented; "how could I watch the ball when a Polish goddess was so near to me." In the fifth game, Beiler found the solution to his problem, thinking of the Zima guy naked.

At the pivotal five spot, the match was extremely lopsided. All these unbiased writers can say is that Ben Goldhirsh completely dominated his match. He had his opponent running around on a leash. An unbiased bystander commented "Ben's squash was masterful." All other matches were won easily.

Last Saturday Choate and Taft made the lengthy trip to Andover. Andover dominated Choate so thoroughly that a certain witness overheard the defeated men contemplating their resignation from sport. Noteworthy play belonged to your humble co-writers, particularly Ben Goldhirsh who laid his character and integrity on the line in a five game thriller. Karlen had little trouble disposing of his opponent in three games.

Taft was a different story. Taft is a squash powerhouse, and although the blue warriors valiantly charged onto the courts they were promptly dismissed. Keep in mind that Andover players were tired after owning Choate.

Rebounding from the tough loss, the boys went on the road. In what seemed a cruel joke by the scheduling office, the faithful gladiators were sent to Deerfield. In short the trip was a waste. The outcome was reminiscent of the Falkland war, Andover being England, Deerfield being Argentina. At #1 our eminent leader Pete Karlen toyed with opponent and the match ended up 9-1, 9-1, 9-0. At 2 Christodoulo had a tougher time, as he was initially stunned by his opponents resemblance to a mule. Fortunately he later overcame this fascination and won three to one. Valdesolo match was a laugher as he ran over his fledgling opponent 9-0, 9-0, 9-0. Hugo's win was not quite as impressive, but none the less it was no contest as he rolled to a three zero victory. Beiler had a little trouble with his opponent, losing one game before bouncing back to win in four. Ben Goldhirsh's match was virtually over before it began. Upon entering the court Ben mumbled something into the ear of his opponent; the boy looked at Ben, eyes filled with terror. Ben had no comment after the match. Sanjeev Polasani also won an easy match. Afterwards he stated "No man is my equal."

The team looks very strong this year, and appears to be number two in the league. This is largely because of the team's work ethic and excellent coaching.

Squash Dominates

by Ben Goldhirsh and Carlo Valdesolo
PHILIPPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover 0
Andover 0
Andover 0
Andover 0

Over the past week, the boys' squash team won both of its matches despite Ben Gold-

hirsh's various ailments below the waist.



Middlesex

Last Saturday the boys' varsity squash

team made the trip up to Middlesex and came home convincing winners. However, the day began on a sour note, when they were informed that team hero and spiritual leader Ben Goldhirsh would be unable to play as he had to spend the day at Isham consoling two of his closest friends who had suddenly become ill and had been instructed to remain in the skilled hands of the doctors. Obviously disappointed, Ben remarked: "Oh nuts, I'd been hittin' balls real well lately." The somewhat dejected team climbed onto the bus hoping to find some consolation in nutritious bag lunches. Unfortunately they found no such thing, for a shortage of bags has plagued the campus. Anger and frustration mounted as the disgruntled team had to endure the seemingly eternal trip to Middlesex. To their opponent's dismay they had to reap the consequences of Andover's fury. First to succumb was team MVP Carlo Valdesolo's adversary by a mind numbing score; 9-0,9-0,9-1. After the match Carlo was quoted as saying: "#@%\$, I shouldn't have given up a &*^\$%@ point." Karlen won his contest soon after with an equally impressive score: 9-0,9-0,9-2. When asked about his inspired performance Karlen replied: "I did it for Ben, and his buddies down at Isham. We're all pulling for them." Hugo then took care of his match in three, and feeling a bit guilty said to the opposing coach: "It didn't have to be this way. All I wanted was a frikkin' sandwich." Late round wins included Doulo, disposing of his opponent with uncharacteristic composure



Peter Karlen has been stellar all season at the number one position.

Photo / J. Mitchell

and grace; Josh Beiler, who proved he can beat both genders with his victory; Mike Gutner, and Gaurav Gaiha, who both had resounding wins. Overall, Andover did not lose a single game.

St. Paul's

The following Wednesday the squad headed up to St. Paul's. If history can be used to determine the future, odds favored the Blue, who as of Wednesday had only lost one match. This prediction was correct as the boys thoroughly trounced their opponents. This was not an everyday match, it was one which showed the devotion and heart of the team and its coach. After the altruistic samaritan, Coach Cone, gave more blood than he should have, he was admitted to the emergency room for choking on a cookie in an unrelated incident. It was believed that he would not be able to attend the match; no one thought it was possible. Cone had some different ideas. As soon as he was physically able, he was on his way to the match. Thanks Mr. Cone, it meant a lot to us. This was not

the only heroic story of day. The team captain Pete Karlen was plagued by a nagging sickness. However, against the advice of many medical professionals, Karlen stayed with his team and won his match convincingly. Unfortunately at the number two spot, Pete Christodoulo was unable to overcome the sorcery of his wily opponent. Humiliated and disgraced, Doulo fell 3-1. Keep in mind that he played on a mere two hours of sleep. John Hugo won. Piercarlo Valdesolo once again cruised to victory: 9-1,9-1,9-4. These last few matches have left the Italian wondering if anyone is his equal. In his comeback appearance, the match meant a little more to Ben Goldhirsh; it was personal...it was religious. Ben was not just fighting against his opponent, but against the saint in St. Paul's. Unfortunately, this deep-rooted anger did not manifest itself completely as his opponent cracked under the heated pressure and forfeited after losing the first game. Josh Beiler also carried the same chip on his shoulder, and it led him to a strong victory. At seven, Mike Gutner had no trouble finishing his opponent off in three games. The story of the day still remained the heroics of Tom Cone, who overcame extreme adversity to coach the squash team to its seventh win of the season.

Exeter Loss Sours Successful Week

After Defeating Tufts, Westminster and Brooks, Boys' Squash Fell to its Powerful Arch-Rival

by Ben Goldhirsh and Carlo Valdesolo
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Exeter 5
Andover 2

The Phillips Academy

squash team had a successful week winning their first three matches but falling in the fourth to a tough Exeter squad 5-2. On Friday, the team



smashed Tufts 7-0 in what superstar senior Peter Christodoulo '98 called, "a healthy spanking;" on Saturday the team hosted a tri-meet with Brooks and Westminster; and finally on Wednesday the squad traveled up I-93 to the barren wastelands of New Hampshire to face-off against Exeter on their home courts.

Brooks, an extremely well coached team, brought their seven best players in an effort to avenge their earlier loss to Andover. Led by the talented Win Tanjaitrong of Thailand, who relies heavily on adept touch, tight rails, a low working boast, and natural quickness, the match was expected to be a challenging one. The first contest was between Peter Christodoulo and Tommy Costin. Costin a primarily heavy ball hitter worked Doulo with tight rails down the left and right flanks; however, Doulo successfully countered with an array of two and three wall boasts. Quickly, Doulo jumped to a two game lead, but it was not over. Costin effectively implemented the reverse corner boast on several occasions and took the third game giving him some hope of a comeback. But these hopes were extinguished permanently when Doulo cut off a cross court lob for a backhand drop volley winner into the front left nick on the seventh point of the fourth game. Carried by this momentum shift Christodoulo won the match in four games. The rest of the bottom six easily won their matches. Notable incidents included John Hugo's '98 successful use of the over-head slice lob, as well as Beiler's '98 flawless execution of the low forehand drive. Fans and players alike surrounded the stadium court for the match of Pete Karlen '98. Taiwanese national champion Tanjaitrong quickly jumped to an eight three lead over the Phillip's captain. However Karlen, taking full advantage of his size, fought back and won 10-8. The second game was a battle in which Win triumphed. The fans still believed in Karlen's chances. Unfortunately, plagued by a nagging cold, Peter's endurance could not match that of his opponent. Win's quickness diffused Karlen's primary weapons such as the trickle boast and the straight drop. The Brook's player took advantage of his fatigued opponent with many cross court drops and offensive lobs. Karlen

could not take the cardiovascular strain as he fell in four games.

The next match of the day, against Westminster, was not as exciting as the previous one. Coach Tom Cone instructed the team to win quickly and they followed orders. Overall it was a long, but successful day of squash for the Andover team. On Wednesday the boys traveled up to Exeter fully expecting a tight match. In the first match Christodoulo took on John Chow, who was able to stun Doulo with his consistency down the flanks and timely drops. Doulo lost after four highly competitive games. John Hugo then took the court against Neil Pallaver. These two rivals had previously played each other in the tennis season and needless to say there was some bad blood between them. Tempers flared as the match progressed. Two players so similar in style and demeanor put on an entertaining show for the fans. In the crucial 12th point of the fourth game Pallaver tinned a reverse rail from the backcourt off of Hugo's hard low crosscourt. Hugo went on to win the fourth game, forcing a deciding fifth and final match. The early stages of the fifth game did not favor either player as each traded volley winners. In the end, however, Pallaver proved victorious as he was finally able to catch up with Hugo's pace and counter with some of his own. Josh Beiler followed Hugo as he dropped three straight to Tim Sung. Beiler seemed unable to cope with his deceptive backcourt strokes. Continuing the disappointing trend, Pat Curtis '98 also lost, albeit in five. At that point, however, Andover still had hopes of winning as Ben Goldhirsh '99 and Piercarlo Valdesolo '99 were controlling their opponents. Valdesolo held on to his lead using his quickness around the frontcourt to aggravate Gordon McCord of Chile and he went on to win in five. Goldhirsh was not as fortunate as his dropshots proved insufficient to propel him to victory. Reflecting upon a wasted match point in the fourth game Ben commented rather despondently, "This was the most disappointing loss I have ever experienced." At this point, Karlen's match seemed futile, but for school pride, he easily rolled over Rob Leahy in three games. Andover came away with a 5-2 loss and a bitter taste in their mouths. Fortunately, the team has a chance to redeem themselves in two weeks against Exeter.

In conclusion to this dull article, these writers would like to tell their faithful readers who have come to expect the very lowest standards of integrity and morality in our articles, we were put up to create this drab overview of boys squash.

However, fear not; next week's article will contain the trash that you've come to know and love these past weeks.

Squash Overpowers Milton

by Ben Goldhirsch
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover 7
Milton 0

Belmont 3
Andover 2



In the past week the boys' varsity squash team added two victories and one loss to their record.

Last Friday, the Tabor squad made the fatal mistake of coming to play Andover on their home courts.

The next day the fearless warriors headed to Milton, and again won easily. However, this winning streak ended abruptly as the PA team was forced to play on unfamiliar narrow courts at The Belmont Hill School.

Fans at the Tabor match can attest that it was an absolute slaughter. Suffice it to say, the opposing team could have had the same humiliating experience and saved the time of traveling to Andover by running around their campus in the nude.

One PA player who wished to remain anonymous, commented: "I felt guilty, it was like beating up your younger sister."

Although Tabor was not much competition, it was a good confidence builder for the team, which has a tough schedule ahead. This writer would like to give some analysis of some matches or points, but the games were so one-sided that they really are not worthy of such brilliant analysis.

The next day the boys traveled to

Milton, a much tougher match than was expected. Let's just say the Milton squad did not meet up to the expectations; it was a blowout. The final score was 7-0.

Most of the matches were monotonous, but fireworks did occur on the court of the great Peter Christodoulo '98. His opponent could be called eccentric by some, but he is labeled as a complete psycho by this impartial journalist. Tension on the court escalated to point at which a fight looked imminent.

However, like an iguana inflating its neck to scare off its adversary, Christodoulo flexed his biceps. This technique worked and the Milton opponent backed off. The match ended with a 3-0 victory for the Phillipian Editor.

The real test of the week was the contest with Belmont Hill. The team was less intimidated of Belmont's players than of their courts which were thinner than the ones at Andover. This change of venue promised to challenge PA players, yet with valuable coaching tips from the wise Tom Cone the team was confident in their chances. In the first round of matches PA did not fair well.

Peter Christodoulo was unable to repeat the dominating style of play which he presented against Milton and Tabor. Although his will to win kept the match extremely tight he went down 3-2. Next to go down was John Hugo '98. The match was huge, in the literal sense, both players being of great size, for squash players. However, Hugo was unable to adapt to the

narrow courts and lost 3-0. In a most embarrassing loss, Josh Beiler was beaten 3-1 by an opponent half of Josh's size.

This diminutive player was dominated by Beiler the whole match but managed to still win. Momentum then swung to P.A.'s side as Patrick Curtis '98 won in 4 games. Going into the second round all Andover players had to win in order to emerge victorious. Number three player Piercarlo Valdesolo '99 was not fazed by Belmont Hill's narrow court and coasted to a 3-1 victory.

One point worth publicizing was when Carlo, back turned to the court, smacked the ball through his legs for a winner, a shot that awed all who watched. At the five spot Ben Goldhirsch '99 made handy work of his opponent winning 3-0. The team match was tied at three all and the deciding factor was the captain Peter Karlen's match.

Unfortunately, he had trouble adjusting to the foreign courts and lost 3-0. The dejected players left Belmont Hill with their heads down; but the Big Blue vowed vengeance at Inter-schols where Belmont Hill will be forced to play on the standard wide courts.

In conclusion, it was evident that another successful week was spoiled by a loss to a worthy opponent. Although the team suffered a disappointing loss, PA has a chance to redeem itself with matches against talented teams such as Exeter and Groton in the next two weeks.

Boys' Squash Goes 2-0 As Team Prepares for Tomorrow's Interschols

by Ben and Carlo
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS??

Andover	7
Milton	0
Belmont	3
Andover	2



It was three in the morning. My last cigarette was burning out and my eyes were glued to my ex-wife's condo across the street. It was a nice place; the kind of place you'd take a cheap lover back to in the middle of the night for a hot one night stand, but what do I know....I'm just a private eye. I had the feeling something was going down when I saw her bra and panties tossed on the balcony by a man I'd never seen before. I didn't think it was the landlord so I threw my butt in the street and crossed Santa Monica Avenue to investigate. I rang the doorbell and she answered in a skimpy pink teddy. I asked her what was going on, and she said "nothing" in the kind of voice that'd make you want to kiss your sister. I let myself in and saw a half naked man run out the back door. I didn't think much of it until I noticed the toilet seat was up and the shower was wet but her hair was dry. I put two and two together, and I got five. I recounted and came up with four at which point I walked out of the room and left that tramp to her own devices.

Disgusted I turned to Billy Holiday and a cold glass of gin to calm my nerves. I was interrupted by the phone. I didn't want to pick it up but I had to...I'm a private eye. It was Charles Landow, I owed him a favor. He bailed me out after I beat up my wife...that tramp. He needed me to get some information on the one man who always seemed to slip through the cracks....Ben Goldhirsh. The way I heard it, he was some kind of butcher, wanted in three states for killing a run-away pack of Iguanas. The only lead was that he played squash. My cover was a reporter, writing a story on the P.A. squash team. It looked dangerous,

the kind of danger you feel when your car breaks down in a bad part of town, you only have one bullet left, and twelve midgets are closing in on you like mice on cheese. That night I went to headquarters for briefing.

Baldwin: Did anyone see you come in?

Carlo: No

B: Good. Strip

C: What?

B: You heard me Carlo, get naked

C: F— you Lieutenant, Macinnis didn't say anything about getting naked.

Macinnis: Sorry Carlo, when I interviewed you for the mission, I didn't tell you that we need to put a wire on you. We need to shave your chest.

B: Shorn like a baby's scrotum.

C: Why do I need to get naked if you only need to shave my chest?

B: Don't question me I'm in charge.

Landow(L): Agent Carlo this is the finest spy technology on the market. The target will be ignorant to our audio presence while you converse with him.

C: Who's the target?

L: Your on a need to know basis, and right now...you don't need to know.

I got out of the black surveillance van near Goldhirsh's residence and lit my cigarette. The night was dark, the kind of dark where you can't see. I rang the doorbell but no one came. Odd. I waited a little while on the porch and then I heard a scream. To my surprise it came from a woman who got hit by a truck but she was probably a tramp like my ex-wife so I let her bleed. Next thing I knew I was sitting in Ben's living room in a zebra skin lazy boy with a glass of vodka in my hand....

B: I can only assume that you have come to speak to me about squash.

C: That's right. It seems to me that you squash players are all the same...cheap women, booze, late nights in the shower playing with little richard. Don't get me wrong, I think

you're scum. I'm just here on an assignment.

B: I don't want to be here anymore than you so let's get on with it.

C: All right, how was the team this week.

B: Quite victorious. On Wednesday we severely pummeled Groton...

C: Was it the kind of pummeling that makes your stomach feel like your great grandmother did a tap dance on your bladder after thanksgiving dinner?

B: No. Anyway we beat Groton 7-0, them being a respectable team, it was quite an achievement. The more remarkable story was our match with arch rival Phillips Exeter. They had beaten us early in the year and revenge is sweet.

C: Was it the kind of sweet that you feel when a beautiful broad asks your best friend to dance instead of you at the private-eye ball and then that slut turns out to be a man.

B: No. We beat them 5-2 a massacre comparable to that of...uh. Are you wired?

C: No, of course not.

B: Comparable to that of those iguanas. Ha. Ha. Ha...

C: Let's cut the crap. You know its turds like you that make me want to get up in the middle of the night and get back together with my ex-wife...that slut. You make me sick.

B: I think it is time for you to leave Mr. Valdesolo.

C: You listen to me maggots, I'm going to be onto you like flies on soup. The next time your buying a stick of butter at the supermarket to bake a vanilla cake for your little sluts you better look over your shoulder for the man in the aisles cause I'll be there. Your mine angel fluff.

Landow [In the Van]: Lets move in guys, we got him.

I heard a knock on the door. "Police, open up." Goldhirsh sat calmly in his zebra skin lazy boy, with a sly look on his face; the kind of look you get when you double cross your tramp ex-wife with her sister. The door burst open and the men came in, but when I turned around Ben was gone.



Peter Christodoulo '98 won both of his matches this week. Dominating his foes from Groton and Exeter. Christodoulo is at the top of his game as he heads into interscholastic competition.

Photo / R.Magnus

Boys' Squash Dominates St. George's, Even Without the Services of Josh Beiler '98

by Ben and Carlo
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS??

Andover 7
SGS 0



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For those interested in squash, Andover beat St. George's 7-0 with Pat Curtis '98 playing twice in Beiler's absence. Although victorious, a sad aura could not be lifted from the team, as all were cognizant of Josh's tragic story.



Boys' Squash Ends Season As Most Successful Male Winter Team, Finishing 2nd at Interschols

by Ben Goldhirsh and Carlo Valdesolo
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS



In light of the fact that we are the most successful winter boys' team in the school, this article will be dedicated to exposing the driving force behind this achievement.

This year the team returned six varsity players: Pete Karlen '98, Peter Christodoulo '98, Piercarlo Valdesolo '99, John Hugo '99, Josh Beiler '98, and Sanjeev Polasani '98. Along with this strong core of returnees, came fresh talent in the form of Ben Goldhirsh '99, Pat Curtis '98, and Mike Gutner '98. Although this team had the skill, it took the coaching genius of Tom Cone to mold these players into one cohesive bond: Andover Squash.

Aside from Coach Cone, the team relied on the knowledge, skill, and leadership of captain Pete Karlen. In his fourth year as number one, Karlen mercilessly trained the team both on and off the court, striving to bring out each player's maximum potential. His efforts culminated this weekend as the team came in an impressive second at Interschols, with four of the five Andover players reaching the semifinals. In the number one draw Peter Karlen, seeded fourth, easily reached the semifinals. There Karlen faced the tournament favorite, Nick Khyme of Taft. Although Karlen played well it was Khyme's day to win. As Coach Cone stated after the last point, the final point of Karlen's illustrious squash career at Andover: "It's the end of a dynasty."

Pete Christodoulo, playing in the number two draw, lost in the quarter finals after a grueling second round match left the tireless Doulo exhausted. However Doulo had a chance to redeem himself, when the second place trophy came down to his conso-

lation match with Exeter. Pete won the first two games, but then, plagued by painful shin splints, lost the next two. It appeared that Doulo was going to lose the match and P.A.'s second place position. Then something inside just snapped as Doulo won 8 straight points to secure the victory.

Piercarlo, at number three, exhibited what Andover squash is all about. Fighting through the draw, Carlo knocked off the two seed to face Taft in the finals. No one thought Carlo had a chance, they were wrong. In the first two games Valdesolo attempted to beat his opponent at his game, power. This was a grave mistake. After losing the first two games, Carlo was given some coaching advice by Mr. Cone and Karlen. Using this strategy Carlo fought back to win the 3rd game.

About Carlo's effort, Goldhirsh commented "It was heroic, he laid everything he had onto the court." Unfortunately Carlo lost the 4th game before his masterful conditioning could come into play. John Hugo, playing number four on the squad made it to the semifinals but there he lost to the skilled Gordon McCord of Exeter. The real story in his draw was Hugo's upset win over the number two seed from Brunswick in the quarterfinals. Ben Goldhirsh, rounding out the Interschols squad made it to the semifinals

before losing to an Exeter opponent who he had beaten earlier in the week.

Not only did Karlen and Cone's efforts produce a winning team (14-3), but also their gracious and amicable personalities created a team environment in which these writers are proud to have been a part of. In addition to the contributions of captain and coach, Peter Christodoulo, a three year veteran of varsity squash, deserves special mention. Never failing to provide a witty comment or encouraging words after a tough loss, Doulo kept morale high throughout the season. His play, along with that of fellow senior John Hugo, proved integral in the team's success.

So as the term comes to a close, we are left with certain memories of the season: (while reading this list hum the tune from Chariots of Fire quietly to yourself (we are serious, sing it)). Pete Karlen's gorgeous reverse trickle nick flick in the third game of his quarterfinal match against Westminster. Peter Cristodoulo, a god amongst men, plays against Middlesex with no sleep in the past 63 hours. Pushed to the brink of his physical conditioning, Doulo wins a heroic battle in five. John Hugo assaults an innocent bystander in the heat of the match for calling him "dumb". A melee ensues in which the boys prove their fighting dominance

Interschols

Karlen 3rd Place

Christodoulo 5th Place

Valdesolo 2nd Place

Hugo 3rd Place

Goldhirsh 3rd Place

Team 2nd Place

Pete Karlen, one of the Athletes of the Term, placed second at Interschols.

Photo / J. Mitchell

Boys' Squash Overcomes Beiler '98 Tragedy

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For those interested in squash, Andover placed second at Interschols, capping one of its most successful seasons ever. Karlen, a semi-finalist at Interschols, and a four year number one player for Andover, will be sorely missed next year as co-captain elects Carlo Valdesolo, and Ben Goldhirsh try to lead the team to a repeat of last year's performance.



Peter Karlen '98

by Lily Greenfield-Sanders
and Courtenay Green
PHILIPPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Peter Karlen's name has been synonymous with the Andover boys' squash team for four years. His squash career has been incredibly successful, culminating with this year's second place finish at Interscholastic Competition last weekend. As both captain and number one player on the team, Pete has not only showed exceptional team leadership, but has established himself as one of the top players in the nation. Karlen's enthusiasm for the game started long before he arrived at Phillips Academy. During his childhood in New York, a city with many good squash programs, he learned the basics of the game. With a squash playing partner, an All-American brother who played at Harvard, and the guidance of a national champion coach, Karlen improved quickly. By the age of twelve, he was ranked fifth nationally in his age group. However, his squash career took an unfortunate turn at the age of fifteen when the Karlen family moved to Connecticut. There, Karlen had the opportunity to play once a week, honing his skills for several years. He lost valuable time to improve his skills, and his interest in the game. Karlen entered Phillips Academy in his freshman year with few intentions of playing an important role on the boys squash team. He opted through his junior fall season to play basketball, instead to play squash at the last minute. As the youngest player on the team, Karlen immediately rose to the number one ranking. With daily practice and open facilities, squash became one of Karlen's highest priorities. By the end of freshman year, Pete earned

the 7th national ranking in his age group, 15th in all of New England, and won the first of his four Fagan cup tournaments at Andover.

In both his lower and upper years, Karlen improved to the level necessary for top ten finishes in the New England competition at numbers 8 and 5, respectively. During this time, he developed a rigorous training schedule,

and time it takes to get good." At the end of Pete's upper season, he won the biggest match of his squash, upsetting one of the top national players in a 10-9 victory in a fifth game tie breaker.

Following this enormous victory, Karlen became the captain this past year. After spending the last three years focusing on personal improvement in squash, he used his leadership

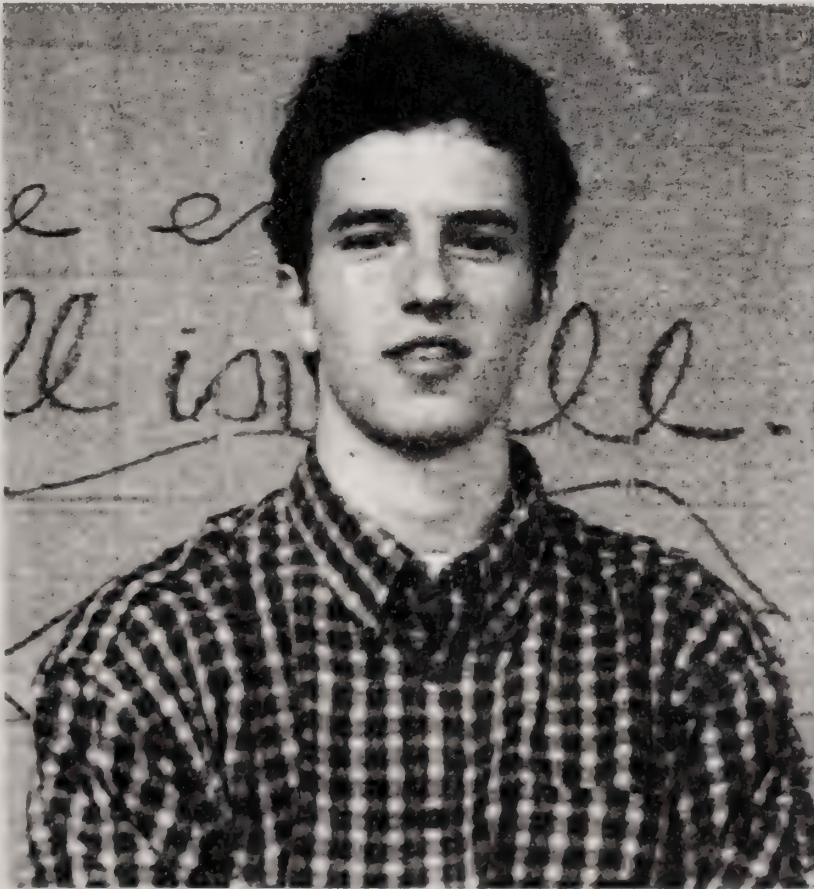
been nearly as successful had Pete not pushed us as hard as he did." His individual record this season was an incredible 14-3, and he tied for third place at the Interscholastic competition last weekend. Despite three losses this season, Pete felt he put forth his best effort in every match. The team as a whole placed second out of thirty-two teams at the Interschols, which is

indicative of Pete's impression on the squad this year. However, Karlen's athletic career is not limited to squash alone. As a four year member of the varsity tennis team, on which he played number five last year, he has made great contributions all around.

Peter will attend Harvard University next fall, a school he has dreamed of attending for many years. He looks forward to playing anywhere between the number 5 and 10 seed next fall, and is excited to practice with experienced players who can help him improve his abilities. He will especially miss Mr. Cone, the varsity coach, who has supported him throughout his career at Andover. Karlen says "Mr. Cone has been great- he's a great coach, really supportive, and he makes the team have a great time." Says Karlen of his time on the team "Squash has been a really big part of my experience at Andover. I've put so much work into it- a lot of my heart and soul."

Undoubtedly, Karlen will continue to excel in squash because of his dedication and innate athleticism. This weekend, he will compete at Nationals, where he hopes to place in the top for under eighteen year olds.

Karlen has been a strong force on the team for four years, but it is his leadership skills combined with his athletic ability that make him a truly great example of everything an Athlete of the Term should be.



which included running five miles before practice, drilling after practice, and playing in a local men's league at night. This rigorous training, though seemingly severe, was necessary. Commented Karlen, "Most people don't realize how much conditioning

position to improve the team as a whole. His spent his entire fall term teaching aspiring squash players and leading workouts to ensure team fitness. Commented teammate and co-captain-elect Ben Goldhrish stated, "I don't think that our season would have

SPORT: GIRLS' SQUASH
YEAR: 1997-98

CAPTAIN: Courtenay Green
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: Tom Hodgson
ASSISTANT COACHES:

SEASON RECORD

WON 12 LOST 2 TIED

6th at Interschols

LETTER WINNERS

[Squash -GV]

Christodoulo, Thayer S.
Grace, Carolyn L.
Green, Courtenay A. (c)
Greenfield-Sanders, Lili
Harmeling, Ashley A.
Hrdy, Camilla A.
Lee, Seung Hee
Shingleton, Jennifer L.
Smith, Katherine M.

GIRLS' SQUASH - 1997-98

			PA	OPP
Wed., Dec. 3	Tabor	(A)	4	3
Sat., Jan. 10	Choate	(H)	6	1
	Taft		1	7
Wed., Jan. 14	Middlesex	(H)	5	2
Fri., Jan. 16	Brooks	(H)	7	0
Wed., Jan. 21	St. Paul's	(A)	2	5
Sat., Jan. 24	Exeter	(H)	6	1
Wed., Jan. 28	Groton	(H)	6	1
Fri., Jan. 30	Tufts	(H)	6	1
Wed., Feb. 4	Noble & Greenough	(H)	6	1
Sat., Feb. 7	Milton	(A)	5	2
Wed., Feb. 11	St. Paul's	(H)	3	4
Wed., Feb. 18	Winsor Varsity	(H)	7	0
Sat., Feb. 21	Groton	(A)	6	1
Wed., Feb. 25	Exeter	(A)	5	2
Sat., Feb. 28	Interschols at New Haven		6th place	

Girls Jump Out to Perfect Start Led By Shingleton

by Thayer Christodoulo and Sasha Hrdy

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover 4
Tabor 3

Andover 4
Choate 3

Andover 5
Middlesex 2

With a 3-0 record, the girls' squash team had a strong start to the season and looks to dominate the league.

Led by returning seniors Jen Shingleton, captain Courtenay Green and Katie Smith, the team hopes talented newcomers Grace Lee '98, uppers Carolyn Grace and Lily Greenfield-Sanders, and lowers Thayer Christodoulo and Ashley Harmeling will help the girls produce a winning season.

An early December 3rd victory over Tabor Academy gave the girls the confidence and experience necessary to beat the skillful Choate team last Saturday in a close 4-3 match. The girls went on to easily win Wednesday's match versus Middlesex 5-2. With the early season wins, Green is "very optimistic about the season."

Tabor

Despite the tedious van ride to Cape Cod, the girls managed to pull off a close 4-3 victory over Tabor. Shingleton, Green and Christodoulo swept their opponents in straight games at numbers 1, 2, and 7, respectively. The deciding point was won by Carolyn Grace in a grueling five set match at number five. Smith, Lee and Greenfield-Sanders performed valiantly, but were unable to overcome their opponents.

Choate

While Saturday's match against

Choate proved difficult, the Big Blue defeated their opponents in a narrow 4-3 victory.

Choate's number one player was skilled, but not strong enough to mount an effective response to the power Shingleton displayed. At number two, Green quickly ousted her opponent in three straight sets. After key losses by Smyth, Grace and Lee, the Blue needed its sixth and seventh seeds to step up. In her varsity debut, Harmeling was down by two sets and, in a dramatic comeback, won the next three games to put away the match. In the final and deciding match at number six, Christodoulo's easily conquered her opponent in three straight games. Commented Green on the victory, "I'm really happy with the outcome of Saturday's match because it shows we are up there with strong teams like Choate and we can expect the team to be strong this year."

Middlesex

Despite losses in five sets by Shingleton and Christodoulo at numbers 1 and 6, respectively, the girls in blue solidly beat Middlesex. Green, Grace, Smith, Lee and Harmeling played outstanding matches and all won in three straight games.

The Middlesex contest gives the team an undefeated team record, and Shingleton looks towards the season optimistically, "I think the team has showed that we have a lot of potential to do well this season and be a driving force in girls' squash."

With hopes of future victories, the girls are eagerly awaiting a match today against Brooks and next Wednesday against St. Paul's. If they match the precedent they've set in their first matches, the girls will doubtlessly glide to success.

Girls' Squash Team Suffers First Loss

by Thayer Christodoulo
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover 7
Brooks 0

St. Paul's 5
Andover 2

The girls' varsity squash team worked hard this week in its matches against two competitive

teams. With hard work, they defeated Brooks on Friday, 7-0. However, this easy victory left the Blue unprepared on Wednesday at St. Paul's where the girls struggled against the tougher competition.

Brooks

There's not much to say about Friday's match as the Andover squad defeated the Brooks School without losing a game. At numbers one and two, Jen Shingleton '98 and captain Courtenay Green '98, annihilated their opponents with little effort. Katie Smith '98, Carolyn Grace '99, Ashley Harmeling '00 and Thayer Christodoulo '00, at numbers 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, respectively, played powerfully and gave their Brooks opponents few chances to control the points. Coach Hodgson seemed enthused after the win, though he noted that the next match against St. Paul's would be much tougher. Green commented after the match, "We totally dominated Brooks. I don't know whether they came unprepared or whether we're hitting our stride, but I'm sure they won't want us on their schedule next year." Similarly,

Shingleton said, "From top to bottom, we destroyed Brooks. I was par-

ticularly impressed by the lower seeds' play against some tough opponents."

St. Paul's

Despite effort on all levels of girl's squash, the team succumbed to squash powerhouse St. Paul's 5-2. The St. Paul's girls' team has a practically flawless record thus far in the season. Squash phenom Shingleton pulled a narrow win in five games at number one. After losing the first two games, Shingleton came through and outplayed her opponent in the final games of the match. Playing number two, Green beat her opponent in only four games while the long and skillful points entertained a large crowd. Unfortunately, Smith, Grace, Lee and Christodoulo, playing numbers 3, 4, 5 and 7, respectively, each lost in three straight games despite strong effort. At number 7, Harmeling won the first game of her match before falling to her opponent's power.

Commented Coach Hodgson on the season thus far, "We have a great group of people on the girl's squash team, they all work hard and are doing well. We're getting great leadership and strong play from Courtenay Green and Jen Shingleton and we look for everyone else to improve as the season progresses."

The experience at St. Paul's will better prepare the girls in blue for Saturday's match against Exeter and Wednesday's match versus Groton. With a 4-1 record, they remain to be strong competitors in the league and will undoubtedly grow stronger with more experience.

Athlete Of The Week

Courtenay Green '98

"We really count on Courtenay's quiet good humor, her leadership, and her gutsy quickness around the court."

—Tom Hodgson

by Kate MacMillan
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"Modest" is one word to describe Courtenay Green. When asked about her accomplishments, which number many on the squash courts, she merely shrugs her shoulders and mutters something about being undefeated. Not only is Courtenay undefeated (7-0) in her personal matches this year, but she is also the #2 seed and captain of a squash team that has an outstanding 6-1 record thus far in the season. In addition, Green is the only member of the squad who has played on varsity for four straight years. Such glory, however, has not come without hard work, as Courtenay has had great determination to get to where she is now.

She began playing squash in the seventh grade at home in Sands Point, a town on Long Island, New York. She says that she originally started playing because basically "everyone told me I was way too short to play basketball, and one of the other sports we could play at my school was squash." Courtenay picked squash up right away, and continued to improve as she played in eighth grade.

What's quite interesting, however, is that the squash program offered at her school was non-competitive and only taught the fundamentals of squash; in other words, Courtenay had never played a real match before she began her varsity career here at Andover.

When she was considering high schools, Courtenay's obvious choice seemed to be Andover. Her uncle and her brother, Alex '06, both came here,

and she has been familiar with the school and its campus for about as long as she can remember. Upon matriculating to PA her junior year in 1994, Courtenay immediately joined the Varsity Squash team. She was the only freshman on the squad, and despite her obvious talent, she began at the bottom of the ladder because of her lack of competitive experience. As the season progressed, however, Courte-

strong finish in the New England Interschols this year, as evidenced by the team's strong 6-1 record.

According to both her teammates and her coaches, Courtenay is a terrific captain. She enthusiastically leads the team day in and day out through both practices and matches. As teammate Thayer Christodoulo '00 puts it, "Courtenay's just a great captain. She's incredibly energetic and consis-

tently plays at a high level every single day, no matter what."

Although Courtenay seems quiet, she definitely has specific goals in mind for the remainder of this squash season. Besides wanting a great team record in her senior year, she also has her sights set on a perfect undefeated record to cap off her tremendous career here. Regardless of how this season will end, though, Courtenay has already decided that squash will remain a part of her future. This December she gained early admission to



Captain Courtenay Green has led the girls' squash team to one of its best starts of recent memory.

Photo / J. Mitchell

ney improved and moved from the #7 seed to #6 and eventually even to #5.

The squad during Courtenay's freshman year comprised many seniors, and, as a result, there were many spaces to be filled when she returned as a lower. Unexpectedly, Courtenay was asked to play the #1 seed. With just one year of competitive squash under her belt, she took on this daunting task. Ever since, Courtenay and her teammate Jen Shingleton '98 have switched off at the #1 and #2 seeds, and this has proved quite the winning combination. Both players have improved immensely with each new season (last year Courtenay only lost two matches), and the dynamic duo seem poised to lead the team to a

Princeton University, where she plans to continue her flourishing squash career.

Although perhaps surprising, squash is not Courtenay's only talent. She is also a very musical person; she plays the guitar and the piano, and also sings in the Chorus and Cantata here at PA. She jokes that filling out college applications was another one of her hobbies this past fall, though this hobby has now, thankfully, come to an end. No matter where the squash team ends up in the final standings this year, or how unblemished Courtenay's record is, it is clear that squash will take this talented and modest young woman quite far.

1130 Girls' Squash Beats Rival Exeter, Groton

by Thayer Christodoulo
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Andover	6
Exeter	1
Andover	6
Groton	1



The girls' varsity squash team had a strong week, winning easily over both Exeter and Groton. The victory over Exeter was especially exciting, as it marked the first time in several years that the girls in blue have triumphed over their rivals. With

an unbelievable 6-1 record, the team has defined itself as one of the strongest in the league and expects to maintain its high level of play.

Exeter

All the girls played outstanding matches Saturday, allowing the team to easily beat Exeter. It is extremely impressive that the girls were still capable of slaughtering Exeter despite the loss of Carolyn Grace '99, who was out sick.

At the number one spot, senior superstar Jen Shingleton played an amazing match to pull out a narrow victory. Down two games to one, Shingleton bounced back to win the last two games in tie breakers. Spectators were enthralled by the players' long points, but Shingleton definitely proved more durable in the match's latter stages.

Captain Courtenay Green '98, annihilated her opponent in three quick games to maintain her perfect personal record. At the number three spot, Katie Smith '98 played her best match of the season. Down two games, Smith entered the third game with confidence and easily won the next three games to pull a victory.

The only loss of the match was at number four, as Ashley Harmeling '00 couldn't squeeze out a five-game contest. Though Harmeling ultimately

fell to her opponent, the match was impressive; Harmeling was playing number four for the first time and had little experience with such tough competition. At number five, Grace Lee '98 pulled a tight win in five games. Up two games, Lee let go of the next two but bounced back and destroyed Exeter's player in the fifth game. At number six, Thayer Christodoulo '00 won in three straight games without giving her opponent a point in the second game. Christodoulo's quick victory was soon followed by a similar win by Anita Kumar '99. In her varsity debut, Kumar commanded the points and barely let her opponent touch the ball.

Groton

The girls followed up their big win against Exeter on Wednesday in a 6-1 victory over Groton. Playing number one, Shingleton won in three straight games without her opponent any mercy. At number two Green dominated the match, though her opponent's eye problem forced the Groton girl to forfeit. Smith fought valiantly at number three, though she was unable to pull a win in a tough five set match. Grace swiftly beat her opponent at number four while Harmeling won in a five set match at number five. In the fourth game, the Groton player smashed Harmeling's hand with her racquet, though Harmeling impressively prevailed after a short trip to the trainer's office. At number six and seven, both Lee and Christodoulo admirably crushed their opponents in four games.

With upcoming matches against Tufts and Nobles, the team is expected to be victorious next week. Commented Shingleton, "We're doing really well and I think the team will just get stronger as we compete more. I couldn't be happier with our record. We have a legitamite shot at finishing the season with one loss."

213 Girls' Squash Unable to Cap-Off Successful Week

After two strong wins against Tufts and Milton, the girls were unable to outlast undefeated St. Paul's

by Thayer Christodoulo
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In the past two weeks, the girls squash team played exceptionally, losing only one of its four matches. The big blue easily beat Tufts University and Noble and Greenough in 6-1 matches. However, the real excitement came when the team destroyed Milton Academy, a team which was previously undefeated. The team suffered its second loss of the season in a 4-3 match Wednesday against St. Paul's. With an amazing 9-2 record and having only lost to St. Paul's thus far in the season, the girls are looking strong and will surely compete well in upcoming matches and in the Interschols.

Tufts

On Friday, January 30, the girls in blue were well prepared to defeat a weak Tufts team 6-1. Playing the number one spot, Jen Shingleton '98 easily destroyed her opponent in a 3-0 victory. At number two, Green showed no mercy as she eased her way to a three game victory, allowing her opponent only two points in each game. A number three, Katie Smith '98 played consistently and ousted her opponent in a mere fifteen minute match. The competition was a bit stronger at the number four spot as Carolyn Grace '99 succumbed to her opponent's skill in four games. The drama of the match came at the number five spot with Ashley Harmeling '00 playing for the big blue. In the middle of the tie breaker in the fourth game with Tufts up 2-1, Harmeling's opponent threw her shoulder out of its socket. Despite help from the trainers, an ambulance arrived to bring her to the hospital. The competitiveness of the Tufts team dropped dramatically at the number six spot as Grace Lee '98 annihilated her opponent with little effort. At number seven, Thayer Christodoulo '00 destroyed her opponent, giving the Tufts player a mere three points in the entire match.

Noble and Greenough

The big blue destroyed an inexperienced Nobles team Wednesday, 6-1. Shingleton, Green, Smith, Grace, Harmeling and Christodoulo, playing

numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7, respectively, all ousted their opponents in effortless three game matches. At number 6, however, Lee played a more qualified opponent and ultimately lost in four games, each game consisting of drawn-out points and close scores.

Milton

On Saturday, February 11th, the girls travelled to Milton, well prepared to face the undefeated Milton squad. To Andover's luck and surprise, Milton's number one and number three players were unable to compete, giving Andover an extreme advantage as less skilled Milton players had to fill in for absent teammates.

Playing number one for the first time this season, Green lost her first match of the season in a tough three set game. At number two, Shingleton commanded the points and easily destroyed her opponent. The match between number three seeds also proved challenging as Smith fell to her opponent in tight games. At number four, Grace pulled an easy victory, as did Harmeling at the number five spot. Lee played superbly at the number six spot and won in tough games with drawn out points. Newcomer Sasha Hrdy '00 played well in her varsity debut and commanded the points to win in a 3-1 match.

The Milton team is viewed as the top squash team in the league, so Saturday's victory was unexpected, but certainly a pleasant surprise. Commented Green after the match, "I think our team has done quite well this season and I am particularly impressed

with our 5-2 victory over Milton. We are all playing very consistently and I am anticipating a strong finish to a fine season. I am especially looking forward to our upcoming re-match against St. Paul's."

St. Paul's

The girls and Coach Hodgson looked optimistically towards their rematch with St. Paul's on Wednesday. Though the girls lost, they improved their score from their last match against St. Paul's, losing 4-3.

Playing at the number one spot, Shingleton '00 had a weak start to the match, but fought back and pulled a win in a five game time breaker. At number two, Green won in another tight match in what spectators called "Courtenay's best match of the season." Despite some strong effort, Smith and Grace fell to skilled opponents who controlled most of the points. At number five, Harmeling fought in a five set match to win one more for the big blue. Lee played hard in a four game match before succumbing to her opponent who was very adept at getting all shots. At the number seven spot, Hrdy fell in four games. Each game was very competitive all consisting of long points.

Commented Shingleton after the tough loss, "The loss to St. Paul's was unfortunate, though I think we could have played a bit better. Despite the loss, I am proud of the team and am looking forward to playing Winsor and Groton in the upcoming weeks."

Girls' Squash Shuts Out Winsor 7-0 as the Team Gears Up for Interschols

by Thayer Christodoulo
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Andover 7
Winsor 0

The girls' squash team played an out-

standing match on Wednesday to easily beat the Winsor team 7-0. Despite the absence of Carolyn Grace '99, who was out due to

sickness, the girls rolled over their unskilled foes. With the victory over Winsor, the team's record now stands at an unprecedented 11-3, the strongest record in recent years.

Playing her new role at the number one spot, captain Courtenay Green '98 played the closest match of the day. In five exciting games with drawn-out points, Green pulled through and displayed her mental and physical toughness. Greene has excelled since taking over the number one spot and she will look to ride her momentum into Inter-scholastic competition. At the number

The girls received strong performances from seniors Courtenay Green and Katie Smith as they blanked an overmatched Winsor squad.

two spot, Winsor's skill level dropped significantly, giving Jen Shingleton '98 an easy win in three straight games. Shingleton is playing at the top level of high school girls' squash. Playing number three, Katie Smith '98 also had an easy match in which she destroyed her

opponent in straight games. Playing a spot up on the ladder as a result of Grace's absence, Ashley Harmeling '00 controlled the points and won with little effort, as did Sasha Hrdy '00 at the number six spot. The lower tandem of

Harmeling and Hrdy dominated their Winsor foes, together they provide Andover with hope for a champion girls' squash team in the future. At number seven, Lily Greenfield-Sanders '99 played extraordinarily well and did not give up a point in her entire match. Upon moving up to varsity and winning her match Greenfield-Sanders

exclaimed, "I did my best to help the team continue in its winning ways." Greenfield-Sanders went on to say, "I hoped to win, but I could not have expected to hold my opponent scoreless in all three games."

With their recent success, the girls are a definite force to be reckoned with in the upcoming interscholastics at Yale. However, before the interschsols, the girls will face Groton and Exeter, teams which Andover beat earlier in the season.

Commented Lee on the upcoming matches, "I think we are well prepared for our upcoming matches and we hope to end the season strongly. It will be interesting to play Groton and Exeter once more to see how the teams have improved during the season."



Photo / L. Hoopes
Captain Courtenay Green '98 has played sensationally all season and looks poised to make a run at the upcoming interschsols.

Girls' Squash Looks to This Weekend's Interschols at Yale After Two Big Wins

by Thayer Christodoulo
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover 6
Groton 1

Andover 5
Exeter 2

The girls' varsity squash team had an amazing week with strong wins over Groton and rival



Exeter. Despite the poor facility at Groton, the match went unexpectedly well on the narrow courts as the girls in blue were able to trample the team 6-

1. Though the girls beat Exeter 5-2 on Wednesday, their score was not as strong as their 6-1 win over the team in January.

Groton

Playing at number one, Captain Courtenay Green '98 trounced her opponent in three games, completely "out-classing" her opponent, according to the Groton coach. Green's speed and quickness were essential to her easy victory. At number two, Jen Shingleton '98 overpowered her opponent in another three game match. Since moving down to the number two spot, Shingleton has dominated both of her matches without losing a single game. At number three, Katie Smith '98 gave her usual stellar performance and won in four games. The only loss of the match came at the fourth seed as Carolyn Grace '99 fell to her opponent in a well-played five game match which consisted of long, drawn-out points. The lower tandem of Sasha Hrdy and Ashley Harmeling, playing five and six, respectively, trounced their opponents in four games each. Since her addition to the varsity team two weeks ago, Hrdy has clearly made her mark as she has climbed the ladder quickly and performed exceptionally in all of her matches. Seventh seed Liliana Greenfield-Sanders '99 played excellently in the first two games of her match with easy wins. However, the match got tougher as it progressed and she lost the next two games in tie breakers. In the fifth game, Lily's determination finally won her the match in a hard-fought, 9-5 win.

Commented Greenfield-Sanders on the support she felt from her father who attended, "If my father had taken off his sunglasses in the Groton gymnasium, his support would have been less apparent and I may not have pulled through."

Exeter

Playing at the top of the ladder, Shingleton destroyed her opponent in three games. Green played exceptionally as well, winning in a slightly closer four game match. At number three, Katie Smith played against an opponent she had beaten earlier in the year; unfortunately for Smith, this time she lost in four games. Though Smith did not win, Green commented that she played extremely well and it appeared that her opponent could have played

higher on the Exeter ladder. Grace beat her opponent in four games, as did Harmeling and Hrdy. Greenfield-Sanders played another dramatic five game match against a very skilled girl. Greenfield-Sanders was up 6-0 in the fifth and deciding game, but she lost her concentration and fell 9-7 in a very sour loss.

The Exeter match marked the last match of the season, leaving the girls in blue with an unprecedented 12-2 record, with both of those losses coming against St. Paul's. Even though the tournament will host many teams which Andover did not play during the regular season, the girls are expected to compete strongly this weekend at the Interscholastic competition at Yale University.

Commented Shingleton on the Interschols, "We expect to compete well this weekend and Courtenay, Katie, Grace and I are hoping to do particularly well as this competition marks the end of our squash careers at Andover. However, I am proud of the team's record and improvement over the season and could not be happier to be playing on this year's girls squash team."

Varsity Match Records		
GIRLS		
Player		Record
Christodoulo, Thayer		7 - 2
Grace, Carolyn		7 - 5
Green, Courtenay		13 - 1
Greenfield-Sanders, Lily		3 - 2
Harmeling, Ashley		12 - 2
Hrdy, Sasha		4 - 1
Kumar, Anita		1 - 0
Lee, Grace		8 - 5
Shingleton, Jen		13 - 1
Smith, Katie		9 - 5

Closing Out Strong Winter Term, Squash Places 6th at Interschols

by Thayer Christodoulo

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



The girls' varsity squash team played tremendously at the Interscholastic tournament last Saturday at Yale University, placing sixth overall out of

the top sixteen high schools in New England. This year, the format of the tournament changed so only the top sixteen squash teams competed, instead of all thirty-two from previous years, and the competition was more intense. This year, the top seven seeds on each schools' ladder competed in single elimination tournaments against other players of the same seeding.

Senior Jen Shingleton, who played the number one spot for Andover, played two impressive matches before falling to the eventual winner in the semi-finals.

Captain Courtenay Green '98,

who played the number two spot for the big blue, echoed Shingleton's results. Green destroyed her first round opponent and moved on to win a five game match against a Taft player. In the semi-finals, Green faced a talented Milton player and lost in a well-played four game match. The excitement of the tournament for Phillips Academy came in the seventh seed tournament when Sasha Hrdy '00 advanced to the final round. Hrdy easily won her first round match before destroying the top ranked number seven player in the league from Greenwich Academy. Hrdy breezed through her semi-final match in three games before losing to a St. Paul's player in a tight four game match.

The team placed well at the Interschols, finishing after Greenwich Academy, St. Paul's, Hotchkiss, Milton and Deerfield. Coach Hodgson is pleased with the results as a first year coach and is happy with the team's 12-2 season record.

Girls' Squash Follows up a Tremendous '98 Regular Season by Placing Sixth at Interschols

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The girls' varsity squash team enjoyed a tremendous season, finishing with an unprecedented 12-2 record. The team's outstanding sixth place finish at the New England Interscholastic Competition at the end of the season confirmed its excellence as both competitors and athletes.

Under the guidance of Coach Hodgson, in his first year as coach, the team quickly soared to the top of the league. Returning players Jennifer Shingleton '98, captain Courtenay Green '98 and Katherine Smith helped newcomers Grace Lee '98, Carolyn Grace '99, Liliانا Greenfield-Sanders '99, Thayer Christodoulou '00, Ashley Harmeling '00 and Alexandra Hrdy '00 adjust to the strong level of varsity play.

Shingleton commented, "Initially, I was unsure of how the season would result with only three returning players. However, the younger players easily adapted to the high level of varsity play. The team was particularly close, which made practices more fun, despite all of the training we did. Mr. Hodgson did a great job as a first time coach and really focused the practices to make sure we were prepared in all areas of play. His coaching is a key reason that

we had such a successful record."

Despite the overall success of the season, the Big Blue played exceptionally well against Exeter to beat its rivals at each of their two meetings. These wins marked the first time in recent years that Andover has triumphed over Exeter. The first of the two wins came quite easily with only one Andover player losing, though the rematch at the end of the season proved more competitive as the girls lost two of their seven matches.

Other notable matches included close 4-3 wins over Milton Academy and a strong team from Choate-Rosemary Hall. Milton was undefeated until its meeting with the Big Blue towards the end of the season, though Andover's win can be attributed to the absence of Milton's top two players.

The match against Choate was the closest of the term and came down to the fifth game of the last match, which Andover won in a tiebreaker. A flawless 7-0 win over Winsor, a 5-2 match over Middlesex, a 5-2 win over Groton, a 6-1 win over Brooks and a 6-1 win over Tufts University came more easily to round out the season.

The last matches of the season took place at the Interscholastic Competition at Yale University, with notable results from Shingleton, Green and Hrdy. The top seven players of each team competed against equal seeds from sixteen of the top squash teams in New England. In the first seed draw, Shingleton made it to the

semi-finals, where she lost in three sets to the eventual winner from Greenwich Academy. At number two, Green echoed Shingleton's semi-finals loss to a Milton player who went on to win the second seed bracket.

The excitement of the day for Andover came in the number seven bracket with Hrdy as a finalist. Hrdy, who had only four varsity matches behind her as she entered the competition, ousted the top seeded number seven competitor in the second round and went on to beat the fourth best seven seed in the semi-finals. However, Hrdy fell to a strong Groton opponent in four games in the finals. The team's overall results distinguished them as the sixth best team in New England.

Andover looks to next year favorably with the help of returning players captain-elect Greenfield-Sanders, Grace, Christodoulou, Hrdy and Harmeling, as well the guidance of Head Coach Hodgson and assistant coach McCaslin. However, the absence of the top three seeds and four seniors will surely hurt the team next year, as they held the strongest records and consistently won. In addition, these seniors provided leadership and taught the younger players new skills that undoubtedly helped the new players.

Commented captain Green, "I am really proud of everyone's hard work and excellent competition this year and I am leaving the team with great confidence that it will succeed next year and the five returning players will build upon this year's achievements."

LETTER WINNERS

(Swimming -BV)

Anderman, Todd D. C.
Blitzer, James S.
Chen, Christopher P.
Dietz, Carl F.
Dunn, Edward W.
Durkin, Thomas J., Jr.
Evans, Collin T.
Hayano, Hiroyuki
Hedges, Christopher J.
Loh, Jeffrey T.
Moger, Nathaniel Y.
Platt, Piers A. J.
Seymour, Bradford D.
So, Albert Y.
Taylor, Marcus J.
Thomas, John B. (C)
Vantzelsde, Nathan H.
Washburn, Hunter D.
Webb, Robert L.
Wisch, Geoffrey R.
Rechnitz, Michael - D.V. 19

SPORT: BOYS' SWIMMING

YEAR: 1997-98

CAPTAIN: Brenner Thomas
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: Loring Kinder
ASSISTANT COACHES:

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BOYS' SWIMMING 1997-98

			PA	OPP
Sat., Jan. 10	Choate	(H)	111	74
Sat., Jan. 17	Loomis Chaffee	(H)	115	70
Wed., Jan. 21	Lincoln Sudbury	(H)	115	68
Sat., Jan. 24	Suffield	(A)	66	36
	Hotchkiss		66	32
Sat., Jan. 31	Deerfield	(A)	110	72
Wed., Feb. 4	N.E. Barracoudas	(H)	no score kept	
Wed., Feb. 11	Worcester	(H)	127	43
Sat., Feb. 21	Hopkins	(A)	74	106
Wed., Feb. 25	Exeter	(A)	75	110
Sun., Mar. 8	Interschols at Exeter	(A)	3rd place	

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By Collin Evans and Todd Anderman

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Andover 111
Choate 74

Coming off of last year's disappointing fifth

place finish at NEPSACs, Andover dispelled any doubts about its talent by obliterating the Choate team last Saturday, 111-74. The margin of victory was surprisingly large, considering that the past few years victories had been decided by the 400yd freestyle relay, the last event of the meet. On Saturday, Andover dominated throughout its meet, placing first in all but three of the events, including diving.

The Big Blue started off the meet with a quick one-two punch in the 200yd medley relay; the winning team was composed of T.J. Durkin '99, Chris Chen '99, Captain Brenner Thomas '98 and Nate Vantzelfde '00 (1:43.23) and the second place team of Todd Anderman '99, Collin Evans '99, Robb Webb '99 and Nat Moger '00 (1:47.42). Andover's first and second place finishes staked the Blue to a ten point lead after the first event.

Andover managed to seize first place in 200yd freestyle and 50yd freestyle. In the former, Durkin beat the Choate competitor by a comfortable five seconds (1:51.09), while Vantzelfde touched out Evans (23.13, 23.79) in the 50 yard freestyle.

Entering the one meter springboard diving event with a comfortable 12 point lead. Diver Mike Rechnitz '00 led the Andover divers with a third place finish (159.80), as Choate cut the Andover lead to three points.

But Andover's swimmers continued to bombard the Choate squad with first place finishes throughout the second half of the meet. In the 100yd butterfly, Thomas easily beat Choate's top entry (57.25) while Webb took third (59.41). The 100yd freestyle further increased the Blue's lead, as the Anderman-Vantzelfde combination finished an impressive one-two (51.44, 52.42).

Durkin again shined in the 100yd backstroke (54.54), taking first place and earning valuable place points. In what may be the highlight of the meet, breaststrokers Chen, Evans, and Albert So '01 swept the field (1:04.37, 1:06.56, 1:06.60, respectively) in a one-two-three victory, giving the Blue a 31 point victory.

As always, the 400yd freestyle relay showed amazing promise for the upcoming season. The team composed of Thomas, So, Anderman and Durkin finished with an impressive 3:29.96, a mark not achieved until nearly midway through last year's season.

Andover faces off against Loomis-Chaffee tomorrow in what looks to be a close meet for the Blue.

Boys' Swimming Leaves Competition in Wake

By Collin Evans and Todd Anderman
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Loomis	70
Andover	115
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The boys in Blue extended their winning streak to three this past week by defeating Loomis-Chaffee and Lincoln-Sudbury. Both were decisive victories, showing that Andover's immense talent is accompanied by unprecedented depth. The margin of victory against Loomis was especially surprising considering Loomis convincing victory over Andover last year.

Loomis-Chaffee

Andover won this meet easily, swimming to first place in every event except for the 50 yd freestyle. Loomis usually has a very strong team and their poor showing in the first relay event came unexpectedly. Andover's first team, composed of T.J. Durkin '99, Chris Chen '99, Brenner Thomas '98 and Nate Vantzelfde '00 swam slower than the previous week while the second team of Todd Anderman '99, Collin Evans '99, Rob Webb '99 and Nat Moger '00 swam a time equivalent to the week before.

In the 200's, the freestyle and Individual Medley, Andover finished first and third in each event. Durkin and Teddy Dunn '99 combined in the freestyle, as did Albert So '01 and Thomas in the I.M. As for the 50 yd freestyle, Andover failed to place first, but Vantzelfde, Evans and Jay Blitzer '99 did manage to pull out second, third and fourth respectively.

After the meet resumed, following the Diving event, Andover was still in perfect form, winning all of the remaining events. In the 100 yd butterfly and freestyle, Andover placed first and third in both events. Thomas and Anderman were the winners respectively, and both posted season bests (56.64, 50.66). So took his second victory of the day in the 500 yd freestyle, and the top two 200 yd freestyle relay teams placed first and second, easily demolishing the Loomis competition.

The performance of the day came in the 100 yd backstroke, when Durkin posted an All-American consideration time of 53.83. Durkin hopes to lower his time by at least two more seconds by the end of season, putting him in contention for the New England Championship and the school record (Rob Hill, 51.72 [1991]).

In the 100 yd breaststroke, a traditionally strong event for the Blue, Chen burned the competition with a season best time of 1:03.46 while Evans finished a close second. In the final event of the afternoon, the 400 yd freestyle Relay, four of Andover's strongest swimmers (So, Thomas, Anderman and Durkin) teamed up for an easy win. The second relay team, composed of Hunter Washburn '00, Chris Hedges '00, Marcus Taylor '00 and Moger.

Lincoln-Sudbury

As always, Andover began the meet at a large advantage after placing first and second in the 200 yd Medley Relay. The only difference this week was the exchange of Vantzelfde for Moger as freestyle anchor for the first relay team.

The next big event for Andover was the 50 yd freestyle, in which Andover swept the Lincoln-Sudbury competition, placing first, second, and third. Vantzelfde touched out Anderman by a tenth (23.23) and Moger finished close behind (23.54). Entering the 1-m Springboard Diving event, Andover led 40-22. In this event, Rechnitz placed second, his highest career finish.

In the next two events, the 100 yd butterfly and the 100 yd freestyle, Andover dominated the competition. Thomas and Rob Webb '99 gave a sharp one-two punch in the Fly while Durkin and Blitzer took first and third in the freestyle, respectively.

In the 200 yd freestyle Relay, Andover again placed three competitive teams behind the blocks, and finished with first, second, and fifth. The first relay team of Vantzelfde, Moger, Evans and Anderman came dangerously close to breaking the pool record of 1:32.36 (1:32.55), set last year by a team consisting of Anderman and Vantzelfde. The second relay team, composed of Aisenberg, Chen, Washburn and Blitzer, touched out the competition by five one-hundredths of a second.

The 100 yd backstroke event sealed the victory for Andover. Durkin obliterated the field, winning by over eleven seconds (54.76). In the 100 yd breaststroke, the likely combination of Evans and So placed first and second, respectively, while Geoff Weich '00, took fourth.

In the final event of the day, Andover trounced the Lincoln-Suffield relay teams, capturing first and second places. The first place team combined two new members, Vantzelfde and Blitzer, with two regular members, Anderman and Durkin, to post a 3:30.16 for the 400 yd event.

Tomorrow, Andover looks to extend its unbeaten streak to five when they travel to Suffield for the annual double dual-meet against Suffield Academy and The Hotchkiss School. The boys will have to pull out all the stops in order to continue their win-



The boys' swimming team has been on a role lately, especially dominating the freestyle relays, led by Brenner Thomas and T.J. Durkin.

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130 Swimmers Overpower Suffield

By Collin Evans

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Andover 62
Suffield 35

Andover
Hotchkiss 35

This past Saturday, the Andover boys made the trek to Suffield for the annual double-

dual meet against Suffield and Hotchkiss. Entering the meet with an impressive 3-0 record, the Blue was looking to improve on an already successful season. Because of the double-dual format, Andover was able to compete against both Suffield and Hotchkiss simultaneously.

Hotchkiss and Suffield

The Blue came out strong right from the start of the competition, easily winning the 200 yard medley relay. The team composed of T.J. Durkin '99, Collin Evans '99, Captain Brenner Thomas '98 and Nate Vantzelfde '00 hammered the opposition, while the second team, composed of Todd Anderman '99, Albert So '01, Rob

Webb '99 and Nat Moger '00 finished a close third.

Durkin continued his unbeaten streak, blowing away both Suffield and Hotchkiss in the 200 yard freestyle. The Blue continued its scoring streak when Vantzelfde took a close win in the 50 yard freestyle, with Moger getting touched out by the Hotchkiss competitor for a third place finish.

Diver Mike Rechnitz '00 had his best performance all season in the 1m springboard competition, finishing second only to a seasoned Suffield diver. Given his impressive showing on Saturday, Rechnitz shows great promise for the remainder of the season.

Andover's rally picked up where it had left off before the intermission, with Thomas taking an easy victory in the 100 yard butterfly event, while Webb took second in the Suffield meet. The 200 yard freestyle relay, a traditionally strong event for the boys, again provided the Blue with valuable place points in both meets. The team

composed of Jay Blitzer '99, Anderman, Moger and Vantzelfde took an easy victory, with the second relay team finishing in third.

Durkin again dazzled the crowd with an easy victory in the 100 yard backstroke, finishing within the All-American consideration time standard. So and Evans took second and third place, respectively, in the 100 yard breaststroke, putting the Blue in a position for an easy victory.

Andover's best relay event, the 400 yard freestyle relay, increased the Blue's point margin even further, with the team consisting of So, Vantzelfde, Blitzer and Thomas taking an leisurely victory. The second team, which included Webb, Josh Aisenberg '00, Teddy Dunn '99 and Evans finished second place in the Hotchkiss meet.

Tomorrow the Blue will venture to Deerfield to take on an established swimming powerhouse in what looks to be the most challenging meet of the season. On an unrelated note, Nikhilesh Divakaruni '98 is still on the disabled list.

Boys' Swimming Team Avenges Last Year's Loss Against Rival Deerfield

By Collin Evans and Todd Anderman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover 111
Deerfield 75



It is now clear, after last Saturday's win over Deerfield, that Andover is in serious contention for the New England title. Although they are approaching the most difficult part of

the season, the boys have easily dispelled any doubts about this year team's talents and ability. Their remaining opponents, Worcester, Hopkins and Exeter all finished ahead of them last year at Interschols, but Andover shows great potential for the balance of the season.

Saturday's meet was full of exciting races and close finishes, including an unprecedented two ties. The first came in the 100 yd freestyle when T.J. Durkin '99 matched up against Matt Hammond, Deerfield's captain and fastest swimmer. Last year in the final at Interschols, Durkin was touched out by Hammond and another competitor from Northfield Mt. Hermon and therefore had to settle for third. Saturday, T.J. had the faster first fifty and barely escaped being caught in the last five yards of the race. Durkin and Hammond each swam about a half second slower than their best from last year. Durkin's best time last year, coming in the prelims for the 100 at Interschols was the fastest in the league. So, the stage is set for another thrilling finish at the championship meet in March.

The next closest finish, besides a tie for fourth in the 100 yd breaststroke, was in the 200 yd freestyle relay. Andover's lineup was stacked to produce the fastest second half possible, and Deerfield did the exact opposite, putting their fastest swimmer, Hammond, first. Hammond destroyed Andover's first swimmer, Collin Evans '99, whose split was over half a second off of his time, an eternity for the distance he swam, fifty yards. Jay Blitzer '99 held Andover's position,

not losing any ground, maybe gaining a couple tenths. Next, Nate Vantzelfde '00 took to the water; he made up a decent distance on the Deerfield competitor, but Todd Anderman '99 was left with at least a two body length disadvantage to make up over the last fifty yards. If the pool had been one inch longer, Anderman would have caught the competitor. However, Anderman, as usual, came up short.

Freshman sensation Albert So had two come from behind victories on the day. In the 200 yd individual medley he led after the butterfly length, but lost a good five yards in the backstroke. On the breaststroke length Albert regained a commanding lead, which he only lengthened on the home freestyle stretch. In the 500 yd freestyle, the longest event, Albert allowed his Deerfield competitor to gain a slight lead over the first three hundred, but with eight lengths left So made his move, burning the swimmer from Deerfield and finishing ten seconds in front.

The only other notable event is the 400 yd freestyle relay. Although Andover did take first in almost every event, including the diving—Mike Rechnitz '00 first victory ever—this win is particularly noteworthy because of the successful comeback made by the Big Blue. Captain Brenner Thomas led off the relay but was severely beaten by none other than Hammond. Brenner's real strengths lie in the butterfly, in which he is undefeated this season. Vantzelfde followed Brenner and made significant ground on the competing swimmer. After 200 yards, half the race, Andover was in second by over three seconds, and although they did not need to win the event to win the meet, the tandem of Anderman and Durkin rallied to extend the teams unbeaten streak in the event.

Anderman made up all but a-half a body length of the deficit and Durkin finished the race stroke for stroke with his competitor, beating him out on the last length.

Andover's strong relays and unprecedented individual talents combined to earn the victory on Saturday.

This season could easily be one of the best ever for Andover, that is if they stay healthy. Fortunately, the team has endured sickness over the past weeks, unwavering in its conquest for victory, using depth to overcome physical adversities.

Andover vs. Deerfield Top PA Finishers

	Time	Place
200 Free		
T. Anderman	25.60	3
200 I.M.		
A. So	2:08.97	1
B. Thomas	2:11.5	3
50 Free		
N. Vantzelfde	23.17	1
J. Blitzer	24.09	2
C. Evans	24.15	3
100 Fly		
B. Thomas	56.97	1
R. Webb	1:00.04	3
J. Blitzer	1:00.21	4
100 Free		
T.J. Durkin	48.65	1
T. Anderman	51.57	3
J. Aisenburg	55.95	5
500 Free		
A. So	5:14.1	1
R. Webb	5:34.3	4
H. Washburn	5:53.5	5
100 Back		
T.J. Durkin	54.64	1
T. Dunn	1:03.87	3
100 Breast		
C. Chen	1:03.67	1
C. Evans	1:06.44	3
200 Medley Relay		
T.J. Durkin	1:43.95	1
C. Chen		
B. Thomas		
N. Vantzelfde		
T. Dunn	1:50.74	3
C. Evans		
R. Webb		
N. Moger		
200 Free Relay		
C. Evans	1:33.02	2
T. Anderman		
J. Blitzer		
N. Vantzelfde		
400 Free Relay		
B. Thomas	3:27.12	1
N. Vantzelfde		
T. Anderman		
T.J. Durkin		

Boys' Swimming Team Dismantles an Overmatched Worcester Team 127-43

By Collin Evans
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

**Andover 127
Worcester 43**



Championships.

Entering their final home meet with an undefeated record, the Andover's boys were looking to avenge their loss to Worcester at last year's New England

Last year, Andover managed to pull off a victory in the final event of the meet, so the boys in blue were anticipating a close meet this past Wednesday.

However, as the final score clearly illustrates, Andover has become a dominating force in New England swimming.

The boys also capitalized on their last opportunity to set pool records, as the relay team composed of Nate Vantzelfde '00, Nat Moger '00, Jay Blitzer '99 and Todd Anderman '99 managed to undercut the pool record in the 200 yard freestyle relay (1:31.98).

Andover's assault on Worcester began with the first event of the meet, the 200 yard freestyle. The usual lineup of T.J. Durkin '99, Chris Chen '99, Captain Brenner Thomas '98 and Vantzelfde managed an easy victory, while the second team of Piers Platt '98, Collin Evans '99, Blitzer and Moger comfortably defeated the

Worcester opponent.

The onslaught continued through the 200 yard freestyle, with Andover scoring valuable points in a one-two-three sweep, led by Durkin, with Brad Seymour '00 and Kris Hedges '99 following close behind.

Albert So '01, Thomas and Chen swam to second, third and fourth respectively in the 200 yard individual medley. Vantzelfde, Todd Anderman '99 and Moger then provided Andover with its second sweep of the meet in the 50 yard freestyle.

After the intermission, Andover's attack quickly resumed: In the 100 yard butterfly, Thomas seized the victory, with Rob Webb '99 and Blitzer taking a close second and third, respectively.

The Anderman and Vantzelfde combination captured first and second in the 100 yard freestyle, while distance specialists So and Webb earned indispensable place points in the 500 yard freestyle.

Durkin suffered his first defeat of the season in the 100 yard backstroke, losing by almost two seconds to Worcester's Brennan Laracy. However, the loss was soon avenged with by Chen and Evans' one-two sweep in the 100 yard breaststroke.

In the final event of Wednesday's program, the 400 yard freestyle relay, Andover's Thomas, So, Anderman and Durkin combined for an easy victory, while Moger, Platt, Webb and Chen touched out the Worcester relay team for second place.

Next Saturday the boys travel to New Haven, CT to challenge Hopkins. Last year the boys suffered a defeat to Hopkins in both the regular season and at the New England Championships.

Hopefully Andover will be able to continue their winning streak as they look forward to a successful performance at this year's upcoming Inter-schols.

Andover vs. Worcester

Top PA Finishers

	Time	Place
200 Free		
T.J. Durkin	1:51.78	1
B. Seymour	2:07.31	2
C. Hedges	2:08.37	3
200 I.M.		
A. So	2:08.93	2
B. Thomas	2:11.37	3
C. Chen	2:18.77	4
50 Free		
N. Vantzelfde	22.99	1
T. Anderman	23.10	2
N. Moger	23.27	3
100 Fly		
B. Thomas	56.30	1
R. Webb	58.83	2
J. Blitzer	59.49	3
100 Free		
T. Anderman	51.42	1
N. Vantzelfde	52.19	2
M. Taylor	57.11	4
500 Free		
A. So	5:09.40	1
R. Webb	5:35.15	2
H. Washburn	5:55.44	4
100 Back		
T.J. Durkin	54.21	2
P. Platt	1:03.49	3
J. Loh	1:12.80	6
100 Breast		
C. Chen	1:03.22	1
C. Evans	1:06.80	2
H. Hayano	1:13.55	4
200 Medley Relay		
T.J. Durkin	1:43.72	1
C. Chen		
B. Thomas		
N. Vantzelfde		
200 Free Relay		
N. Vantzelfde	1:31.98	1
N. Moger		
J. Blitzer		
T. Anderman		
400 Free Relay		
B. Thomas	3:30.58	1
A. So		
T.J. Durkin		
T. Anderman		



Captain Brenner Thomas '98 led the a powerful Andover contingent that swept the top three spots in the 100yd fly with a first place finish.

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Boys Look Ahead to NEPSAC's Despite Two Losses to New England Powers

By Collin Evans and Marcus Taylor
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Hopkins squad. Given their season record, the Blue felt optimistic entering the contest. However, Hopkins intensive competitiveness and depth managed to overpower Andover, despite many great performances.

Hopkins

Hopkins quickly established their depth in the first event, the 200 yard medley relay. The traditionally strong relay combination of T.J. Durkin '99, Chris Chen '99, captain Brenner Thomas '98 and Nate Vantzelfde '00 was touched out of first place, despite a season best performance. Hopkins also finished in third, earning them valuable place points.

In the 200 yard freestyle, Hopkins again dominated when they stole first, second and fourth place. Todd Anderman '99 finished a disappointing third place, despite leading for the first 100 yards, namely as a result as a lack of conditioning. Hopkins' spree continued through the 200 yard individual medley, as Andover's Albert So '01 settled for a discouraging third place.

Down by 22 points entering the 50 yard freestyle, Andover was looking for a one-two-three sweep in a typical-

ly potent event. However, Hopkins' speed once again baffled the Blue, as the opposition snatched first place from Vantzelfde.

In the 1-meter springboard diving event, Andover's Mike Rechnitz '00 claimed a strong second place finish in light of Hopkins' experienced divers. Rechnitz's recent strong performances put him in a position to score valuable points for Andover in the upcoming New England Championships.

Entering the second half of the meet with a thirty point deficit, Andover was looking to stun the Hopkins squad with a strong back-end performance. This looked possible when Andover finished first, third and fourth in the 100 yard freestyle. Durkin had the winning performance, with Vantzelfde taking third and Nat Moger '00 fourth.

However, the Hopkins juggernaut could not be stopped as they placed first, third and fourth in the 500 yard freestyle. Andover's best performance came from So, who claimed second place in yet another season best performance. Robert Webb '99 and Brad Seymour '00 placed fifth and sixth respectively.

Andover's 200 yard freestyle relay, consisting of Anderman, Vantzelfde, Jay Blitzer '99 and Moger, looked forward to a first place finish, but the Hopkins squad eeked a victory by a mere .16 seconds. Hopkins went on to place fourth and sixth while Andover finished with third and fifth place coming from their second and third relays.

Durkin extended his winning streak in the 100 yard backstroke, giving the Blue a first place finish. Piers Platt '98 claimed fifth while Marcus Taylor '00 took sixth. Hopkins earned the bulk of the place points by finish-

ing second, third and fourth.

Andover took first place in the 100 yard breaststroke when Chen took first place, retaining his undefeated status. Chen looks forward to a strong performance at the upcoming New England Championships. Collin Evans '99 and Jeff Wiech '01 finished fourth and sixth respectively.

By the final event, the 400 yard freestyle relay, victory was mathematically out of reach for the Blue. Hopkins finished a spectacular meet with first, third and sixth place finishes. The Andover relay team comprised of Blitzer, Anderman, Durkin and So was able to finish a close second. Despite the disappointing loss at Hopkins, the Andover swim team looked forward to a meet with Exeter in their final dual meet of the season.

Exeter

Before the meet, Andover appeared to have a slight edge over swimming powerhouse Exeter. With the best lineup in recent memory, Andover was confident in its ability to dethrone last year's New England Champion. Despite an impressive all-around performance, Exeter's strength and depth combined to overwhelm the Andover squad.

The meet started well for the Andover in 200 yard freestyle relay. The relay comprised of Durkin, Chen, Thomas and Vantzelfde had a spectacular showing and captured first place. Grabbing more points for the Blue was the second relay placing third. Andover's last relay placed sixth respectively.

Exeter struck back in the 200 freestyle by stealing first, third and fourth place. Durkin claimed second while Blitzer and Seymour placed fifth

and sixth respectively.

In the 200 individual medley Exeter again flexed its muscles. The Exies placed first, second and fourth. Andover's highest placement was third by the freshman So. Captain Thomas had a fifth place finish and Platt followed by taking sixth.

The Andover team considered the 50 yard freestyle one its best event, having in previous meets grabbed the top three positions. Unfortunately, Exeter touched out the Blue swimmers. Anderman, Vantzelfde and Moger had to settle with second, third and fifth. In diving Rechnitz grabbed a strong third place.

At the half Andover was seventeen points behind Exeter; however, the Blue was not worried for the second half is considered to be the strongest component of the team. The 100 yard butterfly kicked off the second half. As with the first half Exeter's strength proved a problem for the Blue. Exeter stole first, third and fourth away from the blue. Captain Thomas gave stal-

wart resistance to Exeter's onslaught and finished second. Chen and Webb finished fifth and sixth respectively.

Exeter dominated the 100 yard freestyle by taking first, third and fourth. Anderman, redeeming himself for his poor performance at Hopkins, claimed second. Vantzelfde and Blitzer were able to take fifth and sixth place for the blue.

Exeter clearly dominated the 500 yard freestyle and, in a display of strength, captured first and second place. The freshman So placed third for the blue, and Hunter Washburn '00 along with Webb captured fifth and sixth.

The relay proved a strong event for the Blue, and they grabbed first place with the potent combination of Anderman, Moger, Blitzer and Vantzelfde. Third and sixth place were also captured by Andover.

Durkin yet again claimed first place in the 100 yard backstroke, rounding off a strong '98 season. Durkin now looks forward to a strong

showing at the New England Championships.

Chen retained his undefeated streak in the 100 yard breaststroke. With an undefeated season, Chen looks forward to possibly winning a title for Andover at the New England Championships. Evans finished a strong third place and Hiro Hayano '98 finished sixth.

By the 400 yard freestyle relay Exeter had effectively steamrolled their way to victory. In a similar fashion to most of the races that night, Exeter took most of points by grabbing first, third and fourth. The relay combination of Anderman, So, Blitzer and Durkin took second for Blue. Andover's two other relays placed fifth and sixth respectively. The loss to Exeter was particularly disappointing to Andover, because it went into Exeter confident of a victory. However, yet again, as in years past, victory alluded Andover, namely because of the might and especially the depth of the Exeter's swimming team.

Boys' Swimming Hung Out to Dry

by Collin Evans & Todd Anderman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS



Coming off a fourth place finish at the 1997 New England Championships, the Andover boys' swimming and diving team was looking forward to bettering its 1998 finish. Under the leadership of Captain Thomas '98, the team fared well throughout the regular season remaining undefeated through its last home meet of the season, and finished an impressive third place the New England Championship.

Coming off of last year's disappointing fifth place finish at NEPSACs, Andover dispelled any doubts about its talent by obliterating the Choate team in their first meet of the season, 111-74. The margin of victory was surprisingly large, considering that the past few years victories had been decided by the 400 yard freestyle relay, the last event of the meet. Andover dominated throughout the meet, placing first in all but three of the events, including diving. The Big Blue started off the meet with a quick one-two punch in the 200 yard medley relay; the winning team was composed of T. J. Durkin '99, Chris Chen '99, Thomas and Nate Vantzelfde '00 (1:43.23) and the second place team of Todd Anderman '99, Collin Evans '99, Webb '99 and Nat Moger '00 (1:47.42). Andover's first and second place finishes handed the Blue to a ten point lead after the first event.

Andover managed to seize first place in 200 yard freestyle and 50 yard freestyle. In the former, Durkin beat the Choate competitor by a comfortable five seconds (1:51.09), while Vantzelfde touched out Evans (23.13, 23.79) in the 50 yard freestyle. Entering the one meter ringboard diving event with a comfortable 12 point lead, Diver Mike Rechnitz '00 led the Andover divers with a third place finish (59.80), as Choate cut the Andover lead to one point. But Andover's swimmers continued to bombard the Choate squad with first place finishes throughout the second half of the meet. In the 100 yard butterfly, Thomas easily beat Choate's top entry (57.25) while Webb took third (59.41). The 100 yard freestyle further increased the Blue's lead, as the Anderman-Vantzelfde combination finished an impressive one-two (51.44, 52.42). Durkin again shined in the 100 yard backstroke (4.54), taking first place and earning valuable place points. In what may be the highlight of

the meet, breastrokers Chen, Evans, and Albert So '01 swept the field (1:04.37, 1:06.56, 1:06.60, respectively) in a one-two-three victory, giving the Blue a 31 point victory. As always, the 400 yard freestyle relay showed amazing promise for the upcoming season. The team composed of Thomas, So, Anderman and Durkin finished with an impressive 3:29.96, a mark not achieved until nearly midway through last year's season.

Before its match-up with Exeter, Andover appeared to have a slight edge over its swimming powerhouse rival. With the best lineup in recent memory, Andover was confident in its ability to dethrone last year's New England Champion. Despite an impressive all-around performance, Exeter's strength and depth combined to overwhelm the Andover squad. The meet started well for the Andover in 200 yard freestyle relay. The relay comprised of Durkin, Chen, Thomas and Vantzelfde had a spectacular showing and captured first place. Grabbing more points for the Blue was the second relay placing third, while Andover's last relay placed sixth. Exeter struck back in the 200 freestyle by stealing first, third and fourth place. Durkin claimed second while Blitzer and Seymour placed fifth and sixth respectively. In the 200 individual medley Exeter again flexed its muscles.

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were also captured by Andover. Durkin yet again claimed first place in the 100 yard backstroke, rounding off a strong 1998 season. Platt and Seymour took fourth and sixth respectively. Chen retained his undefeated streak in the 100 yard breaststroke. Evans finished a strong third place and Hiro Hayano '99 finished sixth. By the 400 yard freestyle relay Exeter had effectively steamrolled their way to victory. In a similar fashion to most of the races that night, Exeter took most of points by grabbing first, third and fourth. The relay combination of Anderman, So, Blitzer and Durkin took second for Blue. Andover's two other relays placed fifth and sixth respectively. The loss to Exeter was particularly disappointing to Andover, because it went into Exeter confident of a victory. However, yet again, as in years past, victory alluded Andover, namely because of the might and especially the depth of the Exeter's swimming team.

The Blue did not know what to expect entering the 1998 New England Championships. However, the Andover squad had many great swimmers, bringing the team to a third place finish behind Hopkins and Exeter. In the 200 yard medley relay, Thomas qualified for the finals, finishing eighth overall (2:04.42) while So took tenth (2:05.61). In the 50 yard freestyle, the Blue had three scoring finishes, with Vantzelfde in ninth (22.87), Anderman in eleventh (22.91) and Moger in sixteenth (23.33). The Blue fared well in the 100 yard butterfly as well, when Thomas finished in second (54.94) and Blitzer in eighth (56.04). One of the Blue's top performances of the day came from Durkin in the 100 yard freestyle, who took victory over Hopkins' Veazey and Deerfield's Hammond (47.06). The relay team composed of Anderman, Moger, Blitzer and Vantzelfde touched out the Exeter team for second in the 200 yard freestyle relay, while Durkin captured second in the 100 yard backstroke, falling to Worcester's star swimmer by two tenths of a second. The 100 yard breaststroke also provided Andover with valuable place points, as Chen seized victory (1:00.69) and Evans finished eighth (1:02.96). Overall, the Blue was satisfied with their third place finish, having been beaten out by the only two teams to defeat them in the regular season.

Overall, the Blue had a successful season. Many younger members of the team managed to step up and gain valuable meet experience, while the team veterans had many triumphant races. With several returning swimmers, led by captain-elect Durkin, the 1999 season looks to be promising for the Andover squad.

LETTER WINNERS

(Swimming - GV)

Anderson, Elizabeth G.
Blitzer, Margaret C.
Connors, Kate E.
Cowan, Sophie M.
Ferranti, Allison S.
Ferranti, Sarah V.
Foster, Ashley F.
Freas, Sydney J.
Keifer, Emily J.
Larson, Katharine
Lind, Mary L.
Lux, Annie F.
Martinez, Anne E. (M)
Murphy, Caitlin S. (C)
Niarchos, Zoe B.
O'Connor, Kerry
O'Donoghue, Beibhinn M.
Pollak, Caroline
Richardson, Christina T.
Samson, Carlie C.
Schoen, Jessica L.
Shaughnessy, Lisa M.
Soicher, Emmanuelle S.
(Diving - ~~GV~~)
Lasater, Elizabeth H.
Moon, Kristin E.

SPORT: GIRLS SWIMMING

YEAR: 1997-98

CAPTAIN: Caitlin Murphy
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: Paul Murphy
ASSISTANT COACHES:

SEASON RECORD

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GIRLS SWIMMING 1997-98

			PA	OPP
Sat., Jan. 10	Choate	(H)	101	85
Sat., Jan. 17	Loomis Chaffee	(H)	119	67
Wed., Jan. 21	Lincoln Sudbury	(H)	128	56
Sat., Jan. 24	Suffield	(A)	90	12
	Hotchkiss		73	29
Sat., Jan. 31	Deerfield	(A)	101	85
Wed., Feb. 4	N.E. Barracoudas	(H)	99	71
Wed., Feb. 11	Worcester	(H)		
Sat., Feb. 21	Hopkins	(A)	121	65
Wed., Feb. 25	Exeter	(A)	104	82
Sat., Mar. 7	Interschols at Exeter			Champions

Freshman O'Connor Shatters Fly Record

By Emma Soichet and Caitlin Murphy

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover 98
Choate 84

The water was Blue on Saturday—actually it was a greenish gray due to high chlorine levels and abnormally high temperatures—but figuratively, the girls' varsity swimming team died the water with its own color. The Andover girls dominated in their defeat of Choate, an auspicious debut by any standard.

With ten seniors leading the team, the Big Blue looks to be strong this year; hopefully it will stand strong against long time rivals Deerfield and Exeter. The team also hopes to displace the latter school as New England champions. Allison Ferranti '98 commented, "With the combination of the talented underclassmen and the experienced seniors, Andover will rule the pool."

Saturday was a great start to Andover's season. Earning the first points of the meet, the 200 medley relay team, Kate Connors '98, Caitlin Murphy '98, Jess Schoen '99, and Christina Richardson '98, swam to first place. Junior Sophie Cowan continued the winning streak with her first place finish in the 200 freestyle. Her cheering section consisting of all the Cowans, Fred Flather, and all those other cousins who populate the Andover scene, went wild. Racking up more points, Schoen and Murphy teamed up to finish second and third in the 200 individual medley. The 50 freestyle brought another Andover victory when Meg Blitzer '01 clocked

the fastest time.

With the first half of the meet finished and Andover ahead on the scoreboard, the spectators and swimmers alike turned to watch Belinda's divers. Kristen Moon '98, Casey Hill '00, and Liz Lasater '01 dove well, and at the end of six rounds Moon received second place.

Rested after the short break, the Big Blue once again took to the pool where in the first event of the second half Kerryn O'Connor '01 finished first, setting a new school record in the 100 fly with a time of 1:01.38. Not far behind, Schoen finished a close second and Caroline Pollak '98 also put up a competitive time. Cowan, Mel Lind '98, and Emma Soichet '98, put up a good fight in the 100 freestyle but were unable to catch Choate. The two teams of O'Connor, Lind, Schoen, and Cowan along with Richardson, Soichet, Carlie Samson '00, and Emily Keifer '99, took first and third respectively in the 200 freestyle relays, widening Andover's lead. From here on in it was easy swimming.

Teaming up in the 100 back, Connors, and Sarah Ferranti '01 finished first and third followed by Annie Lux '98 and Zoe Niarchos '98 in the 100 breast who also helped keep the Big Blue ahead in the final events. The 400 freestyle relay of Murphy, Lind, Cowan, concluded the meet with wide a lead in their first place finish.

Next weekend Andover looks forward to hosting Loomis in another exciting match. Hopefully the girls will continue their winning ways.

Girls' Swimming Romps Against Loomis, Lincoln

By Caitlin Murphy and Emma Soichet
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover 119
Loomis 67

Andover 130
Lincoln 57

The Big Blue swam to two convincing victories this past week over Loomis Chaffee

and Lincoln-Sudbury. The girls continue to roll right along as they begin to prepare for Interschols later in the season.

Loomis

The embodiment of team spirit and enthusiasm, the Big Blue took to the water this past Saturday with another exciting win against Loomis Chaffee. Starting off the meet with a vibrant bang, the Andover team kept it going strong all afternoon long.

Maintaining their winning streak, the 200 Medley A-relay (Kate Connors '98, Caitlin Murphy '98, Kerry O'Connor '01, Sydney Freas '01) received first, while the B-relay tied the Loomis team for second place. The 200 freestyle brought in the season's best times for Sophie Cowan '01 and Mel Lind '98, who took second and third places respectively. "It was a close race and Sophie was touched out in a hot and heavy battle for first," said injured teammate Jess Schoen '99. Racking in more points for Andover, Murphy placed first in the 200 Individual Medley, followed closely by Emma Soichet '98 and Annie Lux '98.

After a remarkable recovery from illness, junior Sydney Freas stole the 50 freestyle in a school record-breaking swim. Breaking the old record by almost an entire second, Sydney clocked in at 24.87 seconds. O'Connor and Christina Richardson '98 both contributed to make a powerhouse 50 free team.

In diving, Kristin Moon '98 led the Blue to a first place finish as once again the divers stunned the crowd with their grace.

O'Connor, still swimming strongly, won the 100 fly with Caroline Pollak '98 placing second, followed by Soichet.

Meg Blitzer '01 outshone the upperclassmen of the team, swimming very well in the 100 freestyle. Mel Lind '98 came in third while Liz Anderson '00 came in a distant fifth.

Yet again proving her worth and invaluable endurance, Murphy touched out the competition in the 500 freestyle. Cowan and Pollak added to the depth of the event with third and fourth place finishes respectively.

After the 200 freestyle relay, which Andover won, the team had the

93 points necessary to win the meet. This took the pressure off the back and breaststrokers as well as the final relay team. However, despite knowing Andover had the meet won, the backstroking duo of Connors and Sarah Ferranti placed first and third. The breaststroking clan of Lux, Zoe Niarchos '98, and O'Donoghue '99 finished the race in first, second, and fourth places respectively.

Lincoln-Sudbury

Wednesday, the Big Blue were the easy victors over Lincoln Sudbury. Though intimidated at first by the opposing team, comprised of club swimmers, it didn't take long for Andover to regain their confidence and to swim, as Paul Murphy described, "marvelously."

Cowan and Lind teamed up in the 200 freestyle to take second and third places. Murphy and Soichet continued the winning streak by sweeping the 200 IM and finishing first and second. The 50 free brought another Andover sweep as well as a new pool and school record. Sydney Freas rebroke her own record set just last Saturday, placing first just ahead of Lind and Richardson. A surprise came in the 100 butterfly when Soichet received first place, followed by Pollak in second and Blitzer in third.

The 100 freestyle brought another one-two finish from the Blue as Freas and Lind racked up big points. Not far behind, almost touching out the first place Lincoln swimmer, Emily Keifer finished fourth. Repeating the outcome of the 100 free, Connors and Sarah Ferranti hit the touch pads first and second. Lux, O'Donoghue and Lisa Shaughnessy '98 rocked the breaststroke with a one, three, four finish.

The relay followed much the same course as the previous events when Andover took home first and second places securing them a solid victory.

This Saturday, Andover swims at Suffield in a tri-meet with the home team and Hotchkiss.

Girls' Swimmers Defeat Deerfield For First Time in the Big Blue's History

By Emma Soichet and Caitlin Murphy

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

**Andover 101
Deerfield 85**



The Andover girls knew their times, knew their record, knew what they were up against. As they walked into the impressive twelve million dollar natatorium, the Big Blue was only too aware of the swimming prestige that came along with a name like Deerfield. The pressure was on as Andover began to warm up, loosening their muscles, getting a feel for the pool, but all the while thinking that this could be the year, the meet, the day, that for the first time in Andover history, the girls' swim team could defeat Deerfield.

The meet began with a solid start as the Andover medley relay teams placed second and third. Andover strengthened its early standing in the 200 freestyle because Kerryn O'Connor '01, Caitlin Murphy '98, and Sophie Cowan '01 placed first, second, and fourth respectively. The huge points won by these three undid the damage caused by giving up first place in the relay and set the tone for the rest of the meet. In the 200 individual medley Jess Schoen '99, recovering from shoulder problems, battled her way stroke for stroke with a Deerfield opponent to finish in second place. Emma Soichet '98 and Annie Lux '98 finished not far behind, clocking times good enough for fourth and fifth places. Sydney Freas '01, Mel Lind '98, and Christina Richardson '98 took to the water in the 50 freestyle and sprinted their way to first, fourth and fifth place finishes. At the beginning of the diving break, the scoreboard read, "Away 32, Home 30." Andover was up by two.

The diving competition was as tense as the rest of the meet as the Andover divers faced past Interschols winners. Kristen Moon '98 put the pressure on the Deerfield divers by consistently receiving high marks. After her unbelievable score of 7, the lead Deerfield diver was so intimidated that she choked and came close to failing her last two dives. Placing first, Moon was followed by up and coming wonder Liz Lasater '01 who earned enough points for fifth place.

In a mid-meet pep-talk, Coach Paul Murphy addressed the swimmers, "Every fourth and fifth place counts. Even if it is only one point, that is one point taken away from Deerfield and added to our score...a fifth place finish means a two point spread. Go blue!" Andover took these words of wisdom

to heart and used them as guidelines for the rest of the meet.

The 100 flyers, O'Connor, Schoen, and Soichet, began the second half of the meet by earning second, third, and fifth places. Following the impressive performances in the 100 butterfly, Freas, Lind, and Meg Blitzer '01 teamed up in the 100 freestyle, racing Deerfield all the way to first, fourth, and fifth place finishes. The 500 freestylers scored big points for Andover. With Murphy finishing first, Pollak third and Larson fourth, the Big Blue earned enough points to put them ahead of Deerfield by six. This lead increased after the 200 free relays where Andover finished first and third. The Andover "A" relay of Richardson, Lind, O'Connor, and Freas set a new school record with a time 1:42.35, nearly a second faster than the previous record. With the excitement of a new record and a ten point lead, Andover felt that a win was within their grasp, but the pressure was still on through the 100 back, 100 breast, and the crucial 400 free relay.

Sarah Ferranti '01, Kate Connors '98, and Liz Anderson '00 kept the score close with third, fourth and sixth places finishes in the 100 backstroke. Not only increasing the lead but also adding to Andover's excitement, the 100 breaststrokes, Annie Lux '98, Zoe Niarchos '98, and Beibhinn O'Donoghue '99 all swam season best times and placed first, third, and fifth. Going into the 400 freestyle relay, the score was Andover 91, Deerfield 81. Andover needed three points to win, which is equivalent to a second place relay finish. The Big Blue went above and beyond simply a second place finish as the "A" and "B" relays placed first and third. With a time of 3:43.51, the "A" relay team of O'Connor, Murphy, Lind, and Freas broke a 15 year old record by two seconds. Amidst cheering from the Andover side including parents and fans from New Hampshire to North Carolina to Florida, the final score was announced, "Andover 101, Deerfield 85." As Coach Murphy said, "There is a first time for everything."

Freshmen Continue to Pace Andover Successes

By Emma Soichet and Caitlin Murphy

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

**Andover 99
Barracudas 71**

**Andover 130
Worcester 39**



In an annual match-up, the Andover girls faced the New England Barracudas, a club team from Haverhill. Swimming "off" events to create excitement and breakup the monotony of a

generally long season, the meet allowed most of the swimmers to test out unusual events.

The highlight of the meet came early on, when the team of Sydney Freas '01, Caitlin Murphy '98, Jess Schoen '99, and Christina Richardson '98 broke the 200 Medley Relay record set last year at

Interschols. Although only breaking the record by .05 seconds, this was the third relay record broken this year. "I can't wait for interschols when we can break all three records again!" senior Mel Lind '98 exclaimed.

The Blue overtook the Barracudas with their extreme depth, consistently placing second, third and fourth. In the 50 yard freestyle, Richardson and Meg Blitzer '01 teamed up to take first and second places, followed by second, third, fourth place sweeps in both the 100 and 500 yard freestyles. The swimmers left the pool content with their win.

Worcester

After a long relaxing weekend with no meets, but including the Second Annual Bowling Extravaganza, the girls once again took to the pool, for the last home meet of the season. With their names announced over the loudspeaker, the ten seniors proudly

marched onto the deck to the wild raving of the crowded stadium. Plagued by unnecessary Disqualifications (DQ) in two relays, the Blue maintained a commanding lead until the end of the meet.

The first DQ occurred in the 200 yard Medley Relay, due to a questionable start by one of the B relay members. The second came when after finishing the 200 freestyle relay, Sydney Freas '01, innocently crossed into another lane while exiting the pool. The final swimmer in lane six had not yet finished and such an exit from the pool was considered a disrespect towards the other team.

Highlights of the meet came from sweeps in six of the eleven events. Placing first, second, and third respectively in the 200 freestyle, Kerryn O'Connor '01, Caroline Pollak '98 and Allison Ferranti '98, all swam close to or faster than season's best times.

Next, Freas, Kate Connors '98, and Emma Soichet '98 too swept the 200 Individual Medley, all finishing well over twenty seconds ahead of the first Worcester swimmer. The next gigantic sweep occurred in the 100 freestyle as the Caitlin Murphy '98, Christina Richardson '98, and Lower wonder Kate Larson all swam sub-one minute times.

Unwilling to have their teammates show them up, the 500 freestylers continued the trend with another sweep by O'Connor, Sophie Cowan '01, and Mel Lind '98. Concluding the individual events and swimming for the last time in the Andover pool, the senior tag team of Annie Lux, Zoe Niarchos, and Murphy provided the final Andover sweep in the 100 breast-stroke.

Finishing first by over ten seconds, the team of O'Connor, Lind, Soichet and Freas, ended the meet with a Big Blue bang.

Girls' Swimming Goes Undeclared

By Emma Soichet and Caitlin Murphy

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover 104
Exeter 82



Both undefeated, the Andover and Exeter girls'

swim teams met for the meet of the season. With Exeter's powerhouse speed meeting Andover's depth, the meet was

close from the start. As the underdogs, Andover, having not beaten Exeter in almost twenty years, stepped up to the challenge and in coach Mo's words, "parted the Red Sea."

The meet started off with the Andover record-holding 200 Medley Relay of Sarah Ferranti '01, Caitlin Murphy '98, Jess Schoen '98, and Christina Richardson '98, placing first, with Exeter hot on their heels. In the 200 Freestyle, freshman wonder Kerry O'Connor touched out last year's Interschol's champion Jackie Errecart, in a close race. Fellow juniors Sophie Cowan and Meg Blitzler joined O'Connor in a Andover dominated event, placing third and fourth respectively. Next came the 200 Individual Medley where Murphy, Schoen and Kate Connors '98, had to battle two of the best IMers in the league. The trio took home third, fourth and fifth places earning season's best times.

Adding excitement to the meet, the Andover 50 freestylers stunned the crowd and both teams with an amazing first, second and third place sweep. Sydney Freas '01, came in first, breaking the Andover-Exeter record with a time of 25.02 seconds.

Helping Andover's increasing lead, the divers, Kristen Moon '98, Christy Tucker '98, and Liz Lasater '01 nailed their dives, earning third, fourth, and sixth places, respectively.

Andover came out of the diving up

45 to 30 over Exeter, and pumped to finish an already successful day with a victory. The 100 butterflys took to the pool, maintaining the lead with second, fourth and sixth place finishes by Schoen, Emma Soichet '98, and Caroline Pollak '98, respectively. Once again an Andover-Exeter record fell, after Freas completed her 100 freestyle in a time of 54.61 seconds. Stepping up for the team in a big way, Richardson and Mel Lind finished close behind in third and fourth.

Keeping the audience on the edge of its seats for the entire 500 freestyle, O'Connor touched out her opponent by two tenths of a second. Carrying on the momentum and piling on the points for Andover, Murphy and Cowan placed third and fourth.

The 200 Freestyle relay placed first and third, racking in the points as Exeter wept on the sidelines. Needing only fourteen more points to guarantee the win, Andover was counting on the backstrokers and breaststrokers to pull through and earn the necessary points before the final relay. Tense with anticipation, the 100 backstrokers, Ferranti, Connors and Liz Anderson '00, got the job done, coming in second, third and fifth. The win was sealed as Annie Lux '98, Zoe Niarchos '98, and Beibhinn O'Donghue '99 swam their way to breaststroke heaven.

Finishing off the meet on a strong note, the 400 free team of Murphy, O'Connor, Lind and Freas, took first place breaking another Andover-Exeter record by over four seconds. Having won the meet by twenty points and finishing the season undefeated at 10-0, the girls, overcome with joy, pushed coach Paul Murphy in the pool and the entire team jumped in after him. He was rumored to have screamed, "The water is now BLUE."

Sydney Freas '01

"[Sydney] is a great asset to the team; she can basically swim anything."

—Caroline Pollak '98

by Kate McMillan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Only once in a very long while do underclassmen athletes distinguish themselves to such a point that they garner such an honor as Athlete of the Week. Juniors in particular can rarely achieve such a feat. However, after observing the accomplishments of Sydney Freas, one must come to the conclusion that she is no ordinary athlete. In this, her first swimming season ever at Andover, she has basically rewritten the record books by breaking unprecedented five records in our different events (she twice broke the 50 yard freestyle record, as well as the 400 Freestyle Relay, the 200 yard freestyle relay, and the 200 yard medley relay). The fact that a freshman has been able to do so much in so short a time is purely amazing to most, yet Sydney, obviously affable and easy-going by nature, merely shrugs her shoulders and recalls it all with a giggle. After all, this season's highlights at Andover are only the most recent in a long line of Sydney's tremendous swimming achievements.

Although she was born in Arkansas, Sydney has resided in Fort Lauderdale, Florida since the age of five. Florida has always been home to many of the country's most talented swimmers, and Sydney is most definitely not an exception to this group. Because her father, Samuel Freas, was a swimming coach when she was little, she can't recall exactly when she picked up swimming, she only knows that she's been doing it for as long as she can remember.

At age five she began swimming for her first organized team, the Magnolia Woods Country Club. She soon moved on to larger, more competitive club teams in Fort Lauderdale. By this time, Sydney's father had become the president of the International Swimming Hall of Fame, a position which he continues to occupy. Such a position has surely only enhanced Sydney's rich swimming background, and she insists that her father has always been, and will continue to be, one of

her main inspirations in swimming.

As Sydney continued to work her way up through the ranks of swimming, she eventually busted out onto the National Stage. This culminated in her swimming in the 400 yard Freestyle Relay at the Senior Nationals (which sends its winners to the Olympics) last year. This is one of

the squad won the New England Championship this year. Although the Water Polo team definitely helped Sydney adjust to Andover more quickly, she did experience a little bit of frustration at first academically. "At first I found it a little tough," she admits, "but once you get the hang of it, you're fine".

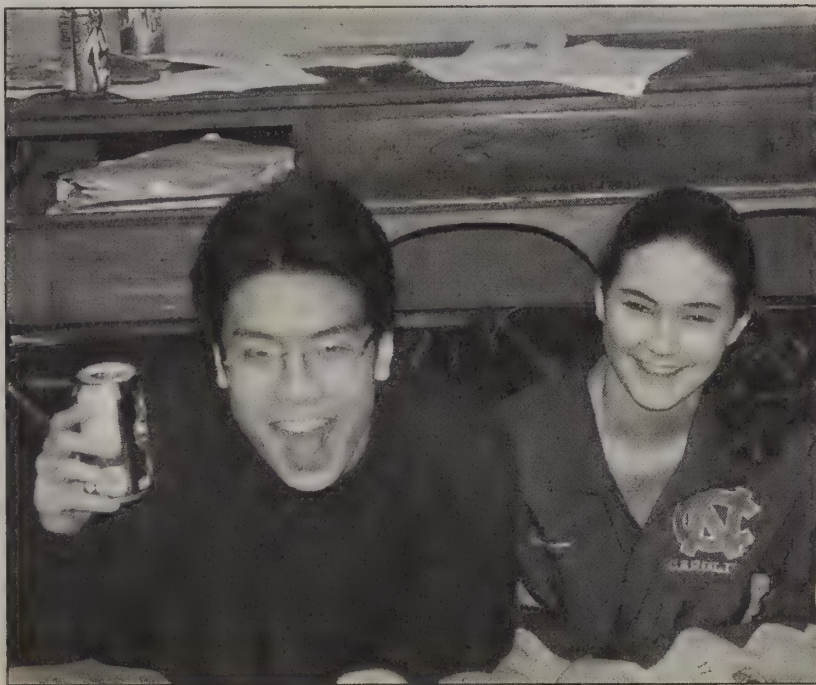


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Sydney's strongest races, for she was part of the group that broke the 400 yard Free Relay record- a record which had stood since 1983- just this year.

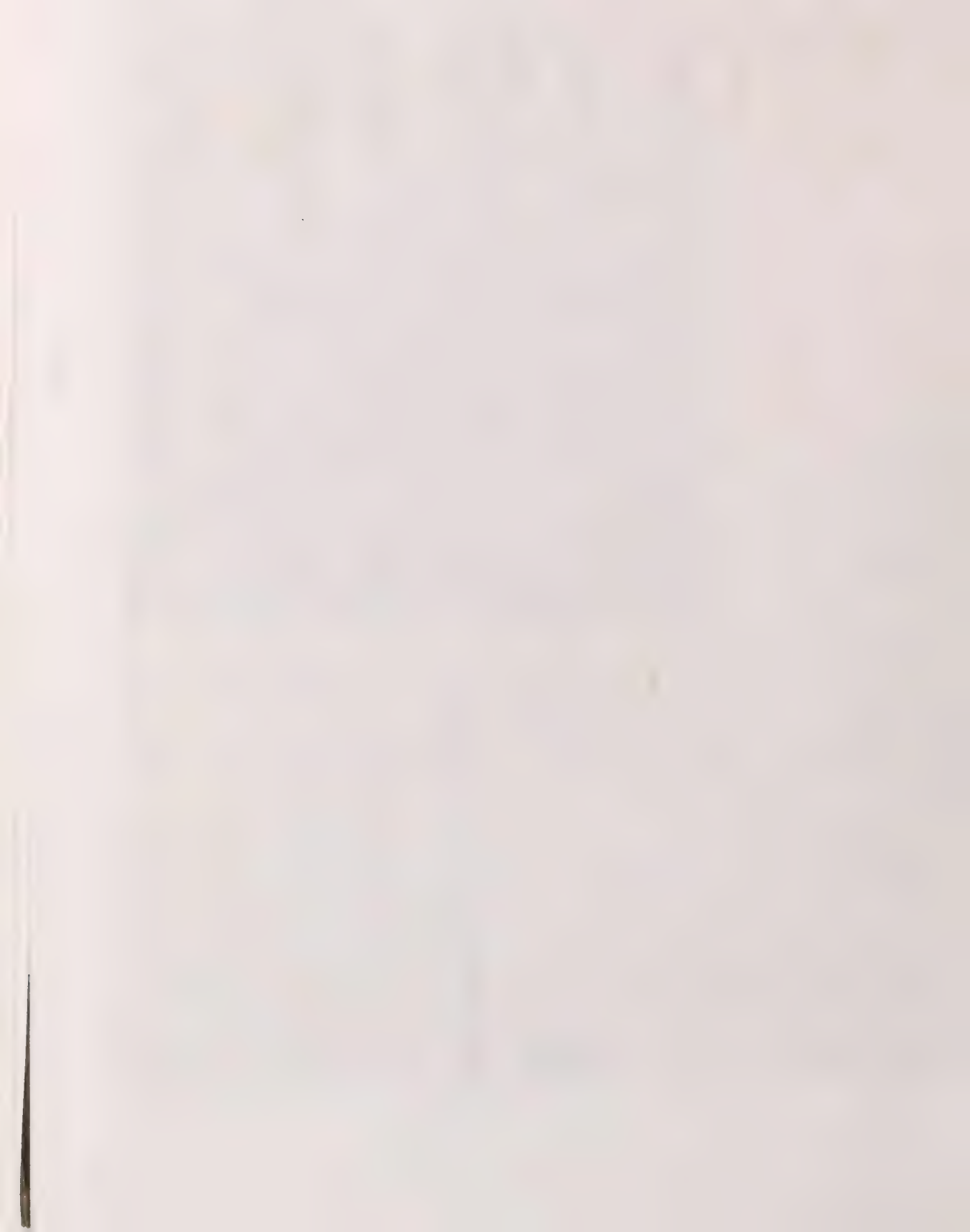
While Sydney was busy making her national debut last year, she was also busy applying to boarding schools in the North. She says that she always knew she wanted to go to school in an environment different from that of Florida, and the Northeast seemed to offer the most in terms of both academics and athletics.

Sydney maintains that her top two choices were Andover and Exeter, although, surprisingly, she expected that she would like Exeter better, and even prepared to matriculate there before actually visiting the two schools' campuses. Once she made the trip up north, however, Sydney fell in love with the Andover campus (while at the same time finding dislike for Exeter's). She thus decided to attend Andover, which must have come as a great joy to all of the coaches and swimmers who she would come to work with.

Sydney first arrived here early last September for water polo tryouts. Though she maintains that it was "no big deal" that she made the team because "they didn't make cuts" she is obviously selling herself short, however, because she immediately began to make contributions to the team, and her presence couldn't have hurt, for

After Water Polo ended, it would almost seem that Sydney couldn't have topped such an incredible athletic season. However, as she has proven, there are no limits to what she might accomplish. Interschols loom ahead for the Girls' Swim team, which, thus far in the season, has a terrific record. Sydney broke one of the freestyle records during tryouts, and there is no telling what she might do when the

most important part of the season arrives. She is well-liked by her teammates, to whom she credits much of her recent success. As the team looks ahead to Interschols, no one may be able to tell how it will all end up; it is probably safe to say, however, that if history is made, Sydney Freas will surely be one of the key players who has earned herself a name that will continue to be mentioned in the future.



ATHLETES OF THE TERM

Caitlin Murphy '98

"Caitlin leads by example; she is one of the hardest workers on the team."

- Coach Paul ↑

by Gilman Bardollar
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

With Interschols tomorrow at Exeter, the girls' swimming team is entering with an undefeated record and the best season in recent memory. In addition to beating Deerfield for the first time ever, the girls overwhelmed the undefeated Exeter team last week for their first win over Exeter since 1985, in a 104-82 blowout. Though many credit the team's success to strong younger swimmers like Sydney Freas '01 and Kerry O'Connor '01, a great deal of the team's incredible season is due to the leadership and confidence provided by its ten seniors. Among the seniors, no one has stood out more than captain Caitlin Murphy '98.

Though she now lives in Minot, Maine, Caitlin grew up in Wrentham, Massachusetts, and began taking swimming lessons with her mother at the tender age of two. In fifth grade, she began swimming competitively with teams at her local Beverly YMCA and Cape Anne YMCA. When asked how she began swimming, Caitlin said, "My dad coaches basketball and soccer, so I wasn't led into swimming." I took lessons while I was young, and I joined the swim team at the Beverly Y with a friend who didn't want to join alone." Caitlin became heavily involved in swimming, and she rushed from class at the Brookwood School to the intense swimming practices at the Beverly YMCA. Caitlin swam the breaststroke initially, and even went to

the '93 and '94 Nationals in the breaststroke.

Caitlin came to Andover in 1994 as a junior boarder, and quickly resumed her swimming, making the varsity team easily. Though used to swimming breaststroke, she found Andover was more in need of long-distance swimmers, and she quickly adapted to the longer and more strenuous long-distance practices. Caitlin

leading the whole team, from her peers down to the ninth graders." In addition to providing leadership and maturity to the team, Caitlin has been an excellent swimmer. She swims in the 200 individual medley, 200 freestyle, 500 freestyle, 200 medley relay, and 400 freestyle relay. As Coach Murphy put it, "She is a very versatile swimmer. Caitlin can swim anything." Swimming in the individual medley, in particular, requires a

diverse range of swimming skills, since it includes the butterfly, the backstroke, the breaststroke, and the freestyle. Her relay team, consisting of Caitlin, Sydney Freas '01, Jess Schoen '99, and Christina Richardson '98, was particularly powerful. In the 200 Relay against the New England Baracudas club team, Caitlin's team broke the old record by .05 seconds. Her 400 relay team also broke the pool and Andover-Exeter records last week. Yet despite these incredible times, Caitlin still considers the 200 and 500 frees her best events. She is quick to praise her coach for the undefeated season, saying



didn't face a tough adjustment at Andover, and found it relatively easy to balance academics and athletics, having had to do so before at her private middle school, Brookwood.

As the two-year captain of the girls' swim team, Caitlin has done more than her part in bringing about this year's stellar season. Coach Murphy credits her for being the team's leader: "Caitlin has been successful in

"Paul Murphy changed his coaching style to fit our team this year, and that also helped out a lot." She also says that the swift freshmen and experienced seniors share the credit for the great season: "The freshmen this year helped out a lot. We had strong people on top and strong people on bottom."

In addition to her swimming practice, which she has missed on only the rarest occasions, Caitlin finds time for

her studies, community service, the Pot Pourri, and for water polo. As co-captain, with Anne Bartlett, of this year's girls' water polo team, Caitlin led the team to an undefeated season, first place at Interschols, first place in New England, and third place at Easterns. She will continue her swimming career at Dartmouth next year, and the swimming team will surely miss her, though hopefully her sister (who plans to attend PA as a new lower next year) can follow in her footsteps. Caitlin's leadership has aided Andover's younger swimmers tremendously, and they will return next year with her hard-working spirit in mind.



Meg Blitzer '01, shown here competing in the Butterfly event, and the rest of the girls' swim team had the week off, and hope to continue their winning ways in the upcoming Interscholastic Competition.

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Girls' Swimming Enjoys

Most Successful Season Ever

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by Caitlin Murphy
PHILIPPIAN SPORTS WRITER



When the members of the girls' swim team first entered the water early in November to begin its season, they knew they were going to have a good year, but none of them knew just exactly how amazing their 1997-1998 season would turn out to be. Looking back over this season, one cannot think of a single meet where best times did not flash up upon the scoreboard or where records were not broken. As Coach Paul Murphy said, "The water was always blue ... Andover blue."

It all began with Andover's domination of Choate. Facing Choate's traditionally strong team, the Big Blue knew this was its first test. With the experienced seniors leading the way, swimming close to their best times of last season, the talented underclassmen fed on their energy and tore up the pool. Junior Sophie Cowan began the winning streak with her first place finish in the 200 freestyle. The 50 freestyle brought another Andover victory when Meg Blitzer '01 clocked the fastest time. Kertyn O'Connor '01 set a new school record in the 100 fly when she finished first with a time of 1:01.38. With a final winning score of 98-84, Andover set the tone for the rest of the season.

The victory over Choate got the team rolling, and that momentum combined with the excitement and energy of team members would lead the team to be unstoppable. The first team to experience this newly formed Andover powerhouse was Loomis Chaffee. In this meet, there was not one event in which Andover did not place first. Beginning with the 200 medley team of Kate Connors '98, Caitlin Murphy '98,

O'Connor, and Sydney Freas '01 and continuing with Cowan's victory in the 200 free, and Murphy touching first in the 200 individual medley, the Big Blue refused to lose. Junior Sydney Freas stole the 50 freestyle in a school record breaking time of 24.87 seconds. O'Connor continued the winning streak in the 100 fly. Blitzer shined in the 100 free, Murphy touched out the competition in the 500 free, in the 100 back Connors placed first, and Annie Lux '98 finished off the meet by winning the 100 breast. All these first place finishes lead to a convincing Andover victory, 119-67.

Next the Blue faced Lincoln Sudbury. At first Andover was intimidated by this team comprised of club swimmers, but it didn't take long for Andover to regain their confidence and to swim as Paul Murphy described, "marvelously." After receiving second place finishes in the first two events, Andover rallied and swam its way to nothing but firsts for the remainder of the meet. The 50 free brought an Andover sweep as well as a new pool and school record as Freas rebroke her own record. Winning by the solid margin of 130 to 57, Andover continued to roll towards its ultimate goal of winning Interschols.

But before Interschols, Andover still had to swim against many more teams, all of whom Andover would beat. Next Andover faced Suffield and Hotchkiss in a tri-meet. Andover beat both teams handily, finishing first and second in nearly every event, and emerged as the overall victor of the tri-meet.

After these two wins, the Andover team felt confident and that they were ready to head to the pool of long time rival Deerfield. As the Big Blue walked into the impressive natatorium the Deerfield swimmers call home, Andover was only too aware of the swimming prestige that came along with a name like Deerfield. The pressure mounted as the Andover

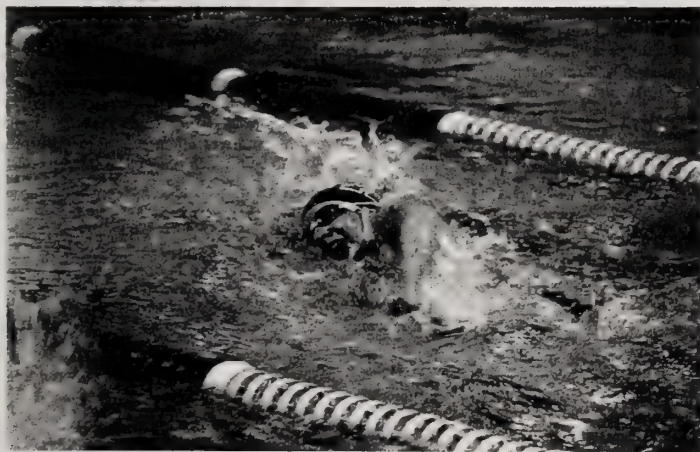
swimmers began to warm up, loosening their muscles, getting a feel for the pool, but all the while thinking that this could be their year, the meet, the day that for the first time in Andover history, the girls' swim team could defeat Deerfield. The meet began with a solid start as the Andover medley relay teams placed second and third; Andover then strengthened its early standing when O'Connor, Murphy, and Cowan placed first, second, and fourth respectively in the 200 free. In the 200 individual medley, Jess Schoen '99 battled her way stroke for stroke with a Deerfield opponent to finish in second place. Emma Soichet '98 and Annie Lux finished not far behind, clocking times good enough for fourth and fifth places. Freas, Mel Lind '98, and Christina Richardson '98 took to the water in the 50 freestyle and sprinted their way to first, fourth, and fifth place finishes. At the beginning of the diving break, the scoreboard read, "Away 32, Home 30." Andover led by two.

During this break, Coach Paul addressed the swimmers, "every fourth and fifth place counts. Even if it is only one point, that is one point taken away from Deerfield and one added to our score ... a fifth place finish means a two point spread. Go Blue!" Andover took these words to heart and used them as guidelines for the rest of the meet. The 100 flyers, O'Connor, Schoen, and Soichet, began the second half of the meet by earning second, third and fifth places.

Following the impressive performances in the 100 butterfly, Freas, Lind, and Blitzer teamed up in the 100 freestyle racing Deerfield all the way to first, fourth, and fifth place finishes. The 500 freestylers scored big points for Andover. With Murphy placing first, Caroline Pollak '98 third, and Kate Larson '00 fourth, the Big Blue earned enough points to put them ahead of Deerfield by six. The lead increased after the 200 free relays where Andover finished first and third.

The "A" relay of Richardson, Lind, O'Connor and Freas set a new school record with a time 1:42.35, nearly a second faster than the previous record. With the excitement of a new record and a ten point lead, Andover felt that a win was within its grasp, but the pressure was still on through the 100 back, the 100 breast, and the crucial 400 free relay.

Sarah Ferranti '01, Connors, and Liz Anderson '00 kept the score close with third, fourth, and sixth place finishes in the 100 back. Not only increasing the lead, but also adding to Andover's excitement, the 100 breaststrokes Lux, Zoe Niarchos '98, and Beibhinn O'Donoghue '99, all swam season's best times and placed first, third and fifth. Going into the 400 free relay, the score was Andover 91, Deerfield 81. Andover needed three points to win, which is equivalent to a second place relay finish. The Big Blue went above and beyond simply a second place finish as the "A" and "B" relays paced first and third. With a time of



Captain Caitlin Murphy '98, pictured here, provided the swim team with senior leadership in its undefeated season

Photo / J. Mitchell

3:43.51, the "A" relay team of O'Connor, Murphy, Lind, and Freas broke a 15 year old record by two seconds. Amidst the cheering from the Andover side, the final score was announced, "Andover 101, Deerfield 85." As Coach Murphy said, "There is a first time for everything."

After beating Deerfield, the Andover girls set their sites on first defeating Exeter, and then moving onto Interschols, but there were three teams standing in their way, the club team, the New England Barracudas, Worcester, and Hopkins. The highlight of the meet against the NE Barracudas came early on when the team of Freas, Murphy, Schoen, and Richardson, broke the 200 medley relay record set last year at Interschols. Although only broken by .05 seconds, this was the third relay record broken this year. "I can't wait for Interschols this year when we can break all three records again!" Mel Lind exclaimed.

The Blue overtook the Barracudas with their extreme depth, consistently placing second, third and fourth. The swimmers left the pool content with their 99-71 win. The next meet was Worcester. Highlights of this meet came from sweeps, placing first second, and third, in six out of the eleven events. These huge points all added up to a 130-39 Andover win. Hopkins too proved not to be able to stand up to the powerful Andover swimmers. It was with these three wins that the Big Blue traveled up to Exeter.

Both undefeated, the Andover and Exeter girls' swim teams met for what for both teams was the meet of the season. With Exeter's powerhouse speed meeting Andover's depth, the meet was close from the start. As the underdogs, Andover, having not beaten Exeter in almost twenty years, stepped up to the challenge and in Coach Mo's words, "parted the red sea."

The meet started off with the record holding 200 Medley Relay of Sarah Ferranti, Murphy, Schoen, Richardson placing first. In the 200 freestyle O'Connor touched out last year's Interschol's champion in a close race for first. Fellow juniors Cowan and Blitzer joined O'Connor in a Andover dominated event placing third and fourth respectively. Next came the 200 individual medley where Murphy, Schoen, and Connors had to battle two of the best swimmers in the league. The trio took home third, fourth and fifth places, all earning season's best times. Adding to the excitement of the meet, Andover's 50 freestylers stunned the crowd with an amazing first, second, and third place sweep. Freas came in first, breaking the Andover-Exeter record with a time of 25.02 seconds.

After the diving break, Andover was ahead 45 to 30. The swimmers were pumped and ready to finish off an already successful day with a victory. The 100 butterflyers took to the pool, maintaining the lead with second, fourth, and sixth places finished by Schoen, Soichet, and Pollak. Once again, an Andover-Exeter school record fell as Freas completed her 100 freestyle in a time of 54.61 seconds. Finishing close behind in third and fourth were Richardson and Lind. Keeping the audience on the edge of their seats for the entire duration of the 500 freestyle, O'Connor touched out her opponent by two tenths of a second.

Also helping to rack up Andover Points, Murphy and Cowan placed third and fourth. After the Andover 200 freestyle relays placed first and third, the Big Blue needed only fourteen more points to win. Andover was counting the backstrokers and breaststrokers to pull

through and earn the necessary points before the final relay. The 100 backstrokers, Sarah Ferranti, Connors and Liz Anderson '00 got the job done, coming in second, third, and fifth. The win was sealed as Lux, Niarchos, and O'Donoghue breaststroked their way to second, third, and fifth. Finishing the meet off on a strong note, the 400 the Andover-Exeter record by over four seconds. Having own the meet 104 to 82, and finishing the season undefeated at 10-0, the girls, overcome with joy, pushed Paul Murphy in the pool.

As the rest of the team fell in the water after Paul, every swimmer was thinking that if all went well then the entire team would again be entering the water after Interschols. At Interschols, on Saturday March 7 this thought became reality as the Andover girls swam their way to a tie for first place with Exeter.

The day began before six in the morning as the Andover swimmers boarded the bus bound for Exeter and their Championships, Interschols. Although Andover was undefeated heading into the competition, the Big Blue was not the favorite. Unlike Andover, which because of its depth is more suited for dual meet competition, both Exeter and Deerfield have developed programs which are geared much more towards championships. In addition Exeter had the added clout of being last year's champions and Deerfield has a banner filled with the years in which it won.

Interschols is a grueling competition, consisting of trial sessions held in the morning followed by finals at night. Trials function to determine the top sixteen swimmers in every event, and then these swimmers are invited to attend the final, point scoring session of the meet. The Andover girls' swim team capped off its remarkable season by tying for first at Interschols. The 1997-8 season marks the most successful girls' swim team in Andover's history.

1998 SEASON OVERVIEW

GIRLS' SWIMMING

SEASON RECORD:
10 - 0

OVERALL RANK:
1ST PLACE TIE WITH EXETER

Andover vs. Choate	A98 - C84
Andover vs. Loomis-Chaffee	A119 - LC67
Andover vs. Lincoln-Sudbury	A129.5 - LS56.5
Andover vs. Suffield	A90 - S12
Andover vs. Hotchkiss	A73 - H29
Andover vs. Deerfield	A101 - D85
Andover vs. NE Barracudas	A99 - B71
Andover vs. Worcester	A130 - W39
Andover vs. Hopkins	A130 - H39
Andover vs. Exeter	A104 - E82



The relay team composed of Caitlin Murphy, Jess Schoen, Christina Richardson and Kate Connors earned valuable points at Interschols

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Boys Track
Winter, 1997~1998

Captain: Kurt Spring
Home Address: Salem, NH

Manager: Yeechin Karen Huang Arianne Sunyin Tjio
Home Address: Andover, MA Greenwich, CT

Coach: Nancy Lang
Assistant Coaches:
Lou Bernieri
Lisa Cummings
Judy Landowne
Corbin Lang
John Stableford
Amy Wilmer
Bryan Winn

Mentor: John Strudwick

Season Record:
Won: 3 Lost: 2

LETTER WINNERS

Track - B Winter

Adaime, Luis F.
Babatunde, Oladapo M.
Brown, Lewis, Jr.
Dinneen, Colin B.
Friedman, John N.
Grace, Tyler H.
Hsu, Andrew R.
Huang, Yeechin K. (M)
Kehlenbeck, Alexander P.
Maletz, Drew D.
O'Brien, Kyle G.
Phillips, Benjamin T.
Preman, Kyle I.
Rodriguez, Argilio
Saunders, Bryan M.
Thavaseelan, Simon
Tjio, Arianne S. (M)

Boys Track
Winter 1997~1998
Squad Statistics

Last Name	First Name	Address	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Events	Best
Adaime	Luis	Sao Paolo Brazil	6'1"	160	U	Hurdles	7.7
						300 yd run	39.6
						600 yd run	01:28.9
Arensburg	W. Austin	Louisville KY	5'10"	140	J	600 yd run	01:31.3
						1000 yd run	02:47.9
Babatunde	Oladapo	Peabody MA	5'10"	143	L	50 yd dash	5.9
						long jump	19'8"
						high jump	5'4"
Baldwin	Drew	Pebble Beach CA	6'1"	160	U	Hurdles	8.8
						long jump	16'9"
						high jump	5'0"
Bhat	Sooraj	Port Charlotte FL	5'11"	140	U	high jump	5'6"
						long jump	16'5.5"
Brancaccio	William	South Hampton, NY	6'1"	220	L	Shot Put	32'7"
Brown	Lewis	Memphis TN	5'7"	460	U	50 yd dash	5.7
						300 yd run	34.7
Chisolm	JP	Summit, NJ	6'0"	205	U	600 yd run	01:30.7
Cooper	Conor	Reading MA	6'2"	180	U	Hurdles	7.9
						300 yd run	41.2
						long jump	16'2.25"
Diamond	Jeffrey	Andover, MA	5'10"	140	J	300 yd run	41.8
Dineen	Colin	Old Greenwich CT	6'0"	145	U	1000 yd run	02:31.1
						Mile	04:49.5
Friedman	John	Cambridge MA	5'11"	140	S	Mile	04:33.5
						2 Mile	10:09.4
						1000 yd run	02:29.8
Gallagher	Ryan	Lowell, MA	6'1"	170	U	600 yd run	01:23.5
Ginsberg	Alan	Andover MA	5'7"	129	L	50 yd dash	6.8
						300 yd run	40.9
Grace	Tyler	South Hamilton MA	5'10"	155	L	50 yd dash	6.7
						300 yd run	39.9
						long jump	16'1.25"
						pole vault	8'0"
Ha	David	Warren, NJ	5'8"	150	S	50 yd dash	6.2
Hale	Edward	New York NY	5'10"	150	L	50 yd dash	6.3
						300 yd run	40.7
						high jump	4'10"
Hamilton	W. Barrett	Hudson, MA	6'3"	165	U	2 Mile	11:45.6
Hsu	Andrew	Fox Point WI	5'10"	153	U	Mile	05:05.6
						2 Mile	10:04.7
Ikeda	Takashi	Tokyo Japan	5'6"	155	L	50 yd dash	6.7
						300 yd run	43.8
						long jump	14'4.25"

Boys Track
Winter 1997~1998
Squad Statistics

Last Name	First Name	Address	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Events	Best
Jungbacker	Erik	Osh Kosh, WI WI	5'8"	135	U	50 yd dash pole vault	7.0 8'6"
Karnasuta	Peeti	Thailand	5'5"	172	U	Shot Put	31'0"
Kehlenbeck	Alex	Needham MA	5'10"	145	J	50 yd dash 300 yd run	6.0 37.6
Koenan	Johannes	Bad Homburg, Ger.	6'1"	146	S	1000 yd run	03:04.4
Lao	William	Highland Park, NJ	5'4"	125	L	600 yd run	01:45.4
Lear	David	Gary IN	6'3"	185	U	50 yd dash 300 yd run	6.1 37.7
Lin	Lee	Rio Grande NJ	5'7"	144	U	50 yd dash 300 yd run long jump	6.6 41.5 16'8.5"
Maletz	Drew	Andover MA	5'10"	140	S	300 yd run 600 yd run	35.7 01:19.4
Mangan	James	Lowell, MA	5'11"	207	S	Shot Put	43'1"
Nam	Sung	Goyang City Korea	5'8"	154	S	50 yd dash 300 yd run	6.4 40.2
Natale	Matthew	Reading MA	5'7"	135	J	1000 yd run Mile	02:56.2 05:43.1
O'Brien	Kyle	Garden City, NY	6'1"	170	S	Shot Put	43'6.2"
O'Donnell	Christopher	Lowell MA	6'5"	170	S	300 yd run long jump high jump	42.2 15'9" 4'8"
Orenstein	Noah	South Dennis MA	6'0"	150	U	300 yd run high jump	41.8 4'8"
Phillips	Ben	Nantucket MA	5'7"	120	J	600 yd run 1000 yd run Mile 2 Mile	1'28.8 02:35.8 04:53.2 10:18.7
Pierog	Michael	Salem, NH	5'9"	160	U	600 yd run	01:29.1
Potenza	Julian	Dhahran, Saudi Ar.	5'11"	180	U	Shot Put	33'9"
Preman	Kyle	Marblehead MA	6'0"	160	L	300 yd run high jump long jump	40.0 5'6" 19'3"
Reynolds	Justin	Falmouth, MA	5'11"	140	U	600 yd run	01:35.0
Rodriguez	Argilio	New York NY	5'7"	135	L	600 yd run 1000 yd run Mile 2 Mile	01:29.3 02:47.1 05:08.9 11:16.4
Rodriguez	Ferdinand	Lawrence MA	5'6"	120	U	50 yd dash long jump	6.3 16'11.5"
Ross-Harrington	Jonathan	Sound Beach, NY	6'2"	190	L	Shot Put	36'1.5"
Rotman	Matthew	Andover, MA	5'7"	130	J	1000 yd run	03:03.5

Boys Track
Winter 1997~1998
quad Statistics

Last Name	First Name	Address	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Events	Best
Jaunders	Bryan	East Elmhurst NY	5'8"	155	U	50 yd dash Shot Put long jump	6.0 39'4.5" 20'5.75"
Sechrist	Michael	North Andover MA	6'0"	155	U	600 yd run 1000 yd run Mile 2 Mile	01:30.9 ~3:05 05:31.6 11:26.8
Sherman	Adam	Belvidere IL	5'6"	160	S	50 yd dash 300 yd run pole vault	6.5 40.9 7'6"
Spring	Kurt	Salem NH	5'10"	160	S	300 yd run pole vault	37.8 7'6"
Sullivan	Daniel	Short Hills, NJ	6'0"	145	L	Mile	05:45.0
Thavaseelan	Simon	Andover MA	5'10"	135	U	50 yd dash 300 yd run pole vault	6.1 38.6 9'8"
Thompson	David	North Andover MA	5'6"	144	J	50 yd dash 300 yd run	6.2 39.4
Veliz	Albert	Patterson, NJ	5'8"	172	L	Shot Put	27'7.5"
Waldron	Shane	Oregon City, OR	6'3"	215	S	Shot Put	36'3"
Wang	Zachary	Concord, MA	5'6"	130	L	600 yd run	01:29.5

Date of Contest: January 14, 1998

Opponent: Central Catholic

Where Played: Phillips Academy

Result:

Central Catholic: 61.67

Phillips Academy: 34.33

TRACK

Yesterday's results

BOYS

CAPE ANN

North Reading 50 Wilmington 35

MERRIMACK VALLEY

Chelmsford 58 Billerica 29

Lowell 51 Andover 35

NORTHEASTERN

Beverly 47 Saugus 39

Danvers 65 Lynn English 21

Gloucester 71 Winthrop 15

Salem 55 Marblehead 21

OLD COLONY

Barnstable 52 North Quincy 38

Bridgewater-Raynham 75 Quincy 16

North Quincy 71 Barnstable 18

Plymouth South 48 Falmouth 43

NONLEAGUE

Cent. Cath. 61.67 - Phillips Academy 34.33

GIRLS

CAPE ANN

North Reading 44 Wilmington 42

MERRIMACK VALLEY

Chelmsford 46.5 Billerica 39.5

OLD COLONY

Bridgewater-Raynham 82 Quincy 11

Silver Lake 75 Taunton 16

Date of Contest: January 14, 1998

Opponent: Tewksbury

Where Played: Phillips Academy

Result:

Tewksbury: 36

Phillips Academy: 59

by Austin Arensberg
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover 63
Central C. 32
Tewksbury 52
Andover 43

Andover's first two meets show promise for the 1998 girls' Winter track team. Held this past Saturday and Wednesday, the events revealed new hopes and

affirmed PA's talent.

Dartmouth Invitational

On Saturday the varsity girls' team traveled to The Dartmouth Relays to compete in its first meet of the season. The Relays were a large meet with tough competition and many runners vying for a top spot on the team rankings.

Around twenty competitors from both the girls' and boys' teams made the trip up to Hanover with Head Coach Lang and Coach Stableford. The team as a whole met its expectations, and hopes to improve in the meets to come.

Captain Taliser Avery '98 also pole vaulted very nicely, finishing the competition in seventh place with a vault of 2.45M.

The 4x400 meter relay race was lead by Lucy Green '00, who finished in a 13th place position in the meet and commented about the meet and the season ahead: "It was a long day but we really enjoyed ourselves, and it looks good for the season ahead."

Central Catholic/Tewksbury

Last Wednesday's dual meet against Central Catholic and Tewksbury ended with a frustrating loss to Tewksbury, but not without great performances from many on the team.

In a confusing one-mile race Deb Vinton '98 placed third even though the lap counter was off and the final lap bell was not rung. This caused some confusion for others on the team, who were not sure of how many laps remained in the race. Nevertheless, the mile runners Vinton, Happy Menocal '98 and Kate Mason '00 are going to be a tough pack to beat in the season ahead.

In the field events, senior Erin Dougherty '98 won the long jump, surprising many for it was just the second time she had competed in the event. Another new hopeful for the PA track squad is Lindsay Burt '99, who pulled away from the rest of her competitors early in the 600 meter dash and placed second in a final sprint to the finish.

With established runners performing well, and newcomers providing hope, Wednesday's meet surely entertained those in attendance.

The team this year is strong with veteran runners Captain Avery, Sharon Husbands '98, Menocal, and Vinton. Runners to watch out for will be, Lindsay Burt, PG Isenburg, and Deb Vinton. These first meets have demonstrated that the squad has experience, tenacity, and solid potential for the year ahead.

Though only time will tell if this squad will live up to the success of last year's undefeated track team, these girls hope to attain both individual and group triumphs this winter.

TOP P.A. FINISHERS

EVENT	Place	Result
50 yd Dash		
J. Isenburg	1	6.8
300 yd		
J. Isenburg	1	41.5
600 yd		
L. Burt	2	1:33.2
L. Greene	3	1:37.0
1000 yd		
A. Jay	2	3:08.1
D. Vinton	3	3:09.0
Mile		
D. Vinton	3	5:54.5
2 Mile		
A. Abbott	3	12:33
Long Jump		
E. Dougherty	1	15' 8"
High Jump		
S. Wykstra	3	4' 4"
Shot Put		
H. Cole	1	32' 2"



Track Kicks Off Indoor Season

by Ryan Gallagher and Matt Palmer
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Central C. 61
Andover 34
Andover 59
Tewksbury 36

The boys' indoor track season began this Wednesday with a meet against Tewksbury and Central Catholic, but not before some of the Blue's best athletes

enjoyed the opportunity to show off their talents at the highly competitive Dartmouth Invitational.

Dartmouth Invitational

Last Saturday, elite members of the boys' track team traveled to Dartmouth, NH to compete in the annual Dartmouth Invitational. This year's tournament attracted approximately forty teams from cities and towns throughout the Northeast. The tournament provided rigorous competition for the Big Blue and thus, only the best, most well-conditioned athletes took part.

The highlight of the day came in the 55m dash when Lewis Brown '99 took first and second in two preliminary test with a time of 6.72 seconds in both. Brown followed up his superb performance in the prelims with a time of 6.74 seconds in the finals, giving him fifth place for the competition.

John Friedman '98 also delivered a strong performance. He finished sixth in the mile-run with a time of 4:29.07, a mere nine seconds off the lead. Friedman also ran as part of the 4x800m relay team which included Uppers Colin Dineen and Andy Hsu, as well as junior Ben Phillips. The team had a solid race, finishing with a time of 8:51.75, placing the boys fourth in their heat.

With more depth in the sprints than was represented on Saturday, the Big Blue looks to have a strong, balanced team as they start the '98 campaign.

Central Catholic/Tewksbury

On Wednesday, the Big Blue opened its season against two regional powerhouses, Tewksbury and Central Catholic. Andover put up a strong showing; although the Blue fell to Central Catholic 61-34, they managed a convincing 59-

36 victory over Tewksbury. The day was filled with great individual performances, as Friedman and Brown led the way, pulling out the only first place finishes for Andover.

The meet got off to a great start as Friedman captured first place in the hard fought mile run, with a time of 4:33.5. Friedman later won the 1000yd run. Brown finished with two first place finishes of his own, winning the 50yd and 300yd dashes.

Perhaps the Big Blue's greatest strength was its performance in the field events. In the shot put, Kyle O'Brien '98, Jim Mangan '98, and Bryan Saunders all placed highly. Lowers Dapo Babatunde and Kyle Preman finished first and second, respectively in the high jump; the two went on to take the top two spots in the long jump as well, putting some much needed points on the board.

Although Andover placed third in the mile relay, the day's final event, the team left the meet feeling good about its performance. The Blue showed much promise for the upcoming season.

TOP P.A. FINISHERS

EVENT	Place	Result
50 yd Dash		
L. Brown	1	5.7
300 yd		
L. Brown	1	35.1
600 yd		
D. Maletz	3	1:23
1000 yd		
J. Friedman	1	2:31.1
Mile		
J. Friedman	1	4:33.5
2 Mile		
B. Phillips	3	10:25
Long Jump		
K. Preman	3	18' 9"
High Jump		
D. Babatunde	2	5' 4"
K. Preman	2	5' 4"
Shot Put		
K. O'Brien	2	40' 10"



Date of Contest: February 4, 1998

Opponent: Lynnfield and Ipswich

Where Played: Phillips Academy

Result:

Phillips Academy: 52

Lynnfield: 36

Ipswich: 30

Andover	52
Lynnfield	36
Ipswich	30



After having a few weeks off to gear up for the long stretch of upcoming meets and invitational, the boys track team dominated its

opposition on Wednesday. In a three team meet, Andover defeated both Lynnfield and Ipswich High Schools. Despite the absences of key runners Lewis Brown '99, Colin Dineen '99, and Andy Hsu '99, all due to injury or illness, the win was convincing.

The meet got off to a great start as John Friedman '98 easily pulled away over the last three laps to win the mile run in 4:41.6. Friedman had been trailing an Ipswich runner until those last laps, when he seized first-place for good, beating the second-place finisher by 13 seconds.

Following Friedman's performance, the team stumbled somewhat, as they were only able to place once in the shot put and 50-yard hurdle events. However, Dapo Babatunde '00 revital-

ized the team by placing first and second in the long jump and the 50-yd dash, respectively. Then, Drew Maletz '98 took charge as he won both the 600-yd (1:20.9) and the 300-meter (36.7) races. Ben Phillips '01 chipped in with a superb performance in the two-mile run, winning with a time of 10:34.

Friedman then followed up his earlier win with a first-place finish in the 1000-yard race and a strong first leg in the mile relay; the relay squad, consisting of Alex Kehlenbeck '01, Simon Thavaseelan '99, and Ryan Gallagher '99, won with ease. The boys ended up with first-place finishes in each of the last four events.

The win pleased head coach Nancy Lang, especially because of the circumstances surrounding the team. "We were effected by injury and illness, but everyone stepped up," noted Coach Lang. "Many people competed in events that they don't usually do, which showed a lot about the team."

Now, the team must look forward to a very tough schedule. "Our focus now is not only to get ready for the Wheaton Invitational on Saturday, but also to prepare for an extremely tough Andover High team next week."



Gallagher takes the baton for his leg of the victorious mile relay.



Date of Contest: February 12, 1998

Opponent: Andover High

Where Played: Phillips Academy

Result:

Phillips Academy: 50.5

Andover High: 44.5

by Matt Palmer

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover 51
AHS 45



On Wednesday, the boys track team took on cross-town rival Andover High School. The boys, taking part in their third meet in a week, captured a hard-fought victory and upped their record to 3-1, with one invitational and a final meet against Exeter remaining to their season.

Early on, the lead swayed back and forth, particularly in the field events. Dapo Babatunde '00 and Brian Saunders '99 placed second and third in the long jump. Then, Kyle O'Brien '98 easily took first in the shot put with a throw of 43'2", followed by Jim Mangan '98 in third place. Andover High swept the high jump and the 50-yard hurdles, keeping them within striking distance.

However, there were some phenomenal performances made by the Andover runners that would put the team up for good. The mile run was effortlessly won by John Friedman '98 with a time of 4:50.9. Following a

mere three seconds behind Friedman was Ben Phillips '01, with a second place finish. Lewis Brown '99 then stole the show not only by convincingly winning both the 50-yard dash and the 300-yard dash, but also by tying the P.A. 11th grade record for the 300 with a superb time of 34.7.

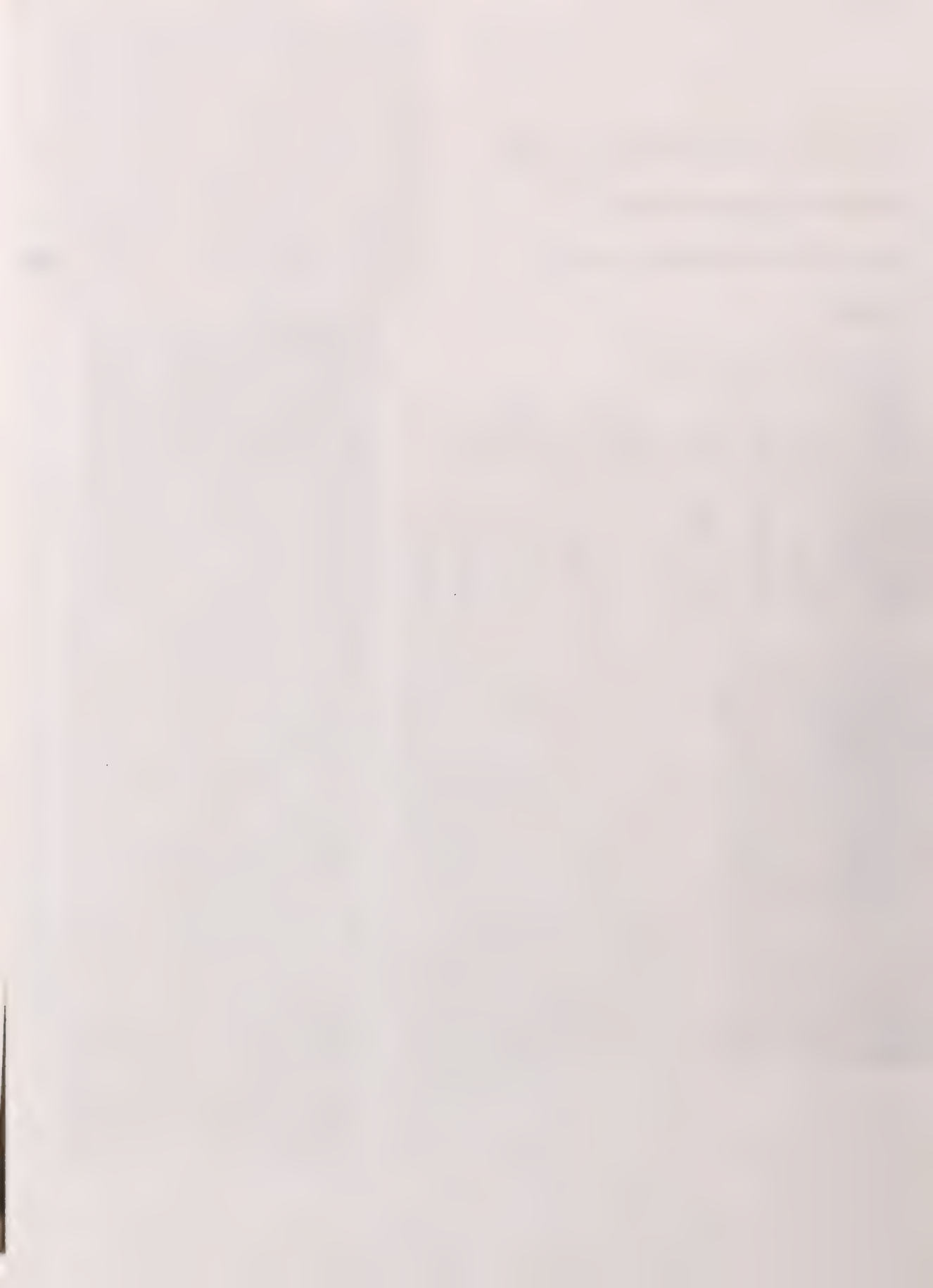
In the 600-yard run, Drew Maletz continued to stifle the opposition as he grabbed first place in 1:20.4. Friedman and Colin Dineen '99 then secured the win with first place finishes in the two mile run and the 1000 yard run, respectively. Also, in the 1000 yard race, Phillips broke his own freshman record with a time of 2:35.8, and came in second behind Dineen.

The boys, who were losing by two points midway through the meet, managed to take two out of the top three places in each of the last five races, including a first place in each, a remarkable accomplishment. Captain Kurt Spring was ecstatic about the win as he commented, "We were able to come out and put up a great performance against a tough A.H.S. squad that we usually have trouble with. I think it's a good omen for things to come."

Mile Run	Time/Distance	Place
J. Friedman	4:41.6	1
Shot Put		
K. O'Brien	42' 5.5"	3
Long Jump		
D. Babatunde	19' 2.5"	1
50yd		
D. Babatunde	6.0	2
600yd		
D. Maletz	1:20.9	1
Two Mile		
B. Phillips	10:34	1
300yd		
D. Maletz	36.7	1
1000yd		
J. Friedman	2:29.8	1

Top PA Finishers

BOYS		
	Result	Place
50yd		
Brown	5.7	1
Babatunde	5.9	3
300yd		
Brown	34.7	1
Maletz	35.7	3
600yd		
Maletz	1:20.4	1
Gallagher	1:24.1	3
1000yd		
Dinneen	2:31.1	1
Phillips	2:35.8	2
Mile		
Friedman	4:50.9	1
Phillips	4:53.2	2
Two Mile		
Friedman	10:19.8	1
Hsu	10:59.0	3
L. Jump		
Babatunde	19' 5"	2
Saunders	19' 3.25"	3
H. Jump		
Preman	5' 4"	3
Shot Put		
O'Brien	43' 2"	1
Mangan	39' 8"	3
Pole Vlt		
Thavaseel	8'	1
Grace	8'	2
Jungbackr	8'	3



Date of Contest: February 25, 1998

Opponent: Phillips Exeter

Where Played: Phillips Academy

Result:

Phillips Exeter: 60

Phillips Academy:44

by Matt Palmer

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Exeter 60
Andover 44

In its season
finale on
Wednesday, the



Big Blue hosted arch-
rival Exeter. Despite
Andover's success

against Exeter in
recent years, it was unable to continue
their reign as it fell by a count of 60-
44. Once again Andover would look
to its clutch performers for leadership.
Others would need to pick up the slack
for the teams top sprinter, Lewis
Brown '99, who was sidelined with a
leg injury. This effort fell short,
although key performances by John
Friedman '98, Drew Maletz '98, and
Brian Saunders '99 sparked the team
throughout the meet.

The team came out firing on all cylin-
ders as they took first in each of the
first three events. Kyle O'Brien '98
dominated the shot put as he has done
all season. Senior Jim Mangan man-
aged a third place finish with a throw
of 43' 1". Brian Saunders, having
placed fourth in shot put, won the long

jump in the meet's second event by a
considerable margin. Finishing behind
Saunders was Dapo Babtunde '00 who
also finished third in the high jump. In
the mile run, John Friedman brought
the Andover faithful to their feet with
a hard-fought win. Crossing the line in
third place was Colin Dineen '99 who
led for the better part of the race.

Just as Exeter began to take command
of the meet, Drew Maletz turned in a
personal best time of 1:19.4 in win-
ning the 600-yard run. Maletz added
to an already stellar performance by
taking second in the 300-yard dash.
Then, in their first official competition
of the season, pole vaulters Simon
Thavaseelan '99 and Erik Jungbacker
'99 placed second and third respec-
tively. In the two mile run, which was
won by Friedman, Ben Phillips '01
broke his own junior record with time
of 10:18.7. Friedman also went on to
win the 1000-yard run in the meet's
last individual event.

Although the season concluded with a
disparaging loss to a hated rival, the
team was still upbeat. They finished
with a winning record of 3-2, and the
season was filled with remarkable
individual performances.

John Friedman '98 Crushes Andover's 2 Mile Indoor Record

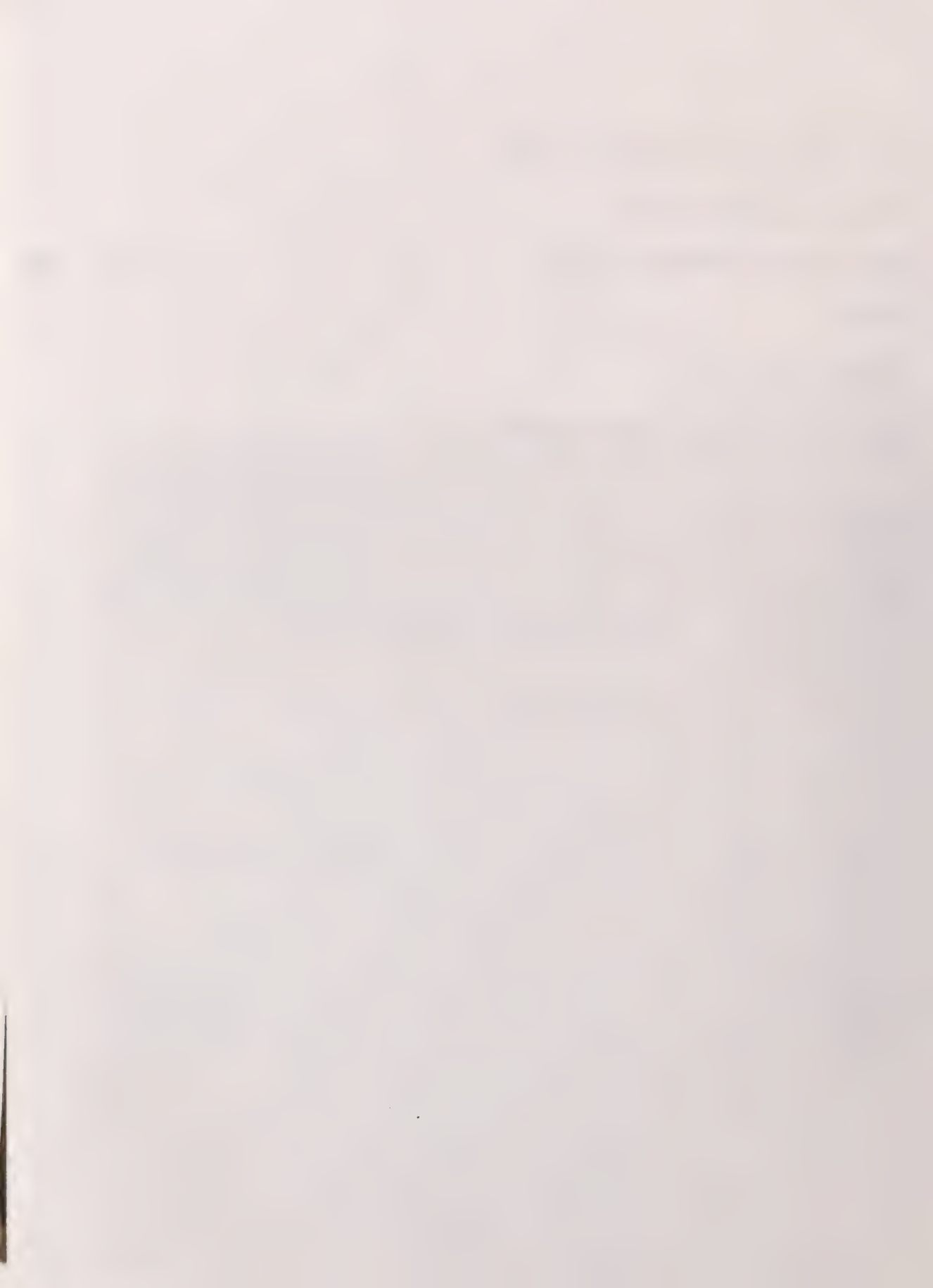
Senior long distance runner, John Friedman, broke the Andover two mile record by five seconds on Tuesday. Friedman broke the mark originally set by Ted Gillick '96. Friedman served as captain this fall to the Cross Country team and contributed greatly in all of his eight seasons of running for Andover. Friedman flew up to New York City on Tuesday morning to race in the Eastern States, a huge meet consisting of the best high school runners in New England and all of the Eastern Seaboard. Friedman placed second in a fast kick to the end to finish in a time of 9:21.

After his grueling day in New York, he arrived in time to the Andover-Exeter meet to place first in each of his individual events, the 1000, mile, and the 2 mile. He also ran a strong lead against Exeter right after his 1000 meter race.

Top PA Finishers

BOYS

Event	Result	Place
300yd Maletz	36.1	2
600yd Maletz	1:19.4	1
1000yd Friedman	2:30.9	1
Mile Friedman	4:44.3	1
Dineen	4:49.5	3
Two Mile Friedman	10:09.4	1
Phillips	10:18.7	3
L. Jump Saunders	20'6"	1
Babatunde	19' 8"	2
H. Jump Babatunde	5'4"	3
		3
Shot Put O'Brien	43'7"	1
Mangan	43'1"	2
Pole Vlt Thavaseel	9'0"	2
Jungbackr	8'0"	3
Mile Rel Friedman	3:56.1	2
Simon T. Gallagher Maletz		



Drew Maletz '98

by Ben Phillips

PHILLIPS SPORTS WRITER

Out of the many talented athletes to choose from for the athletes of the term, there are those who usually stand out from the rest. These are the athletes that people remember for their amazing performances and hard work all season long. Drew Maletz is definitely one of those athletes.

All winter long for the varsity track team, Drew has been a major contributor to the team's success. Every race, Drew has pushed himself to the limit, reaching many of his desired goals for this season.

On Wednesday, February 28, the Andover track team hosted its last meet, against Phillips Exeter. Drew ran in the 600yrd. and the 4x400 relay race. Andover faced a highly competitive team but with Drew running, the relay members knew that they would win the race. Before the meet, Drew lost his racing shoes and ran the 600 in his regular trainers. Despite this disadvantage, Drew won the race with a blistering time of 1:19.19, a personal best and a goal that was set in Drew's mind. Later, in the 4x400, Exeter's 3rd man made a large gap between Andover's 3rd man, but Drew filled in a very large portion of the gap as he flew through to a 2nd place. Drew said, "I think that Exeter was my highlight of the season. I accomplished my goal of running under 1:20 for the 600yrd, so I was very pleased with my performance."

Despite several injuries, nothing stopped Drew from having an amazing season. From the beginning of the term, Drew was nagged by injury, but soon he came back and showed the talent that he possessed. In every speed work out, Drew always gave 100% effort, disregarding any injuries. During his first race against Tewksbury and Central Catholic, Drew ran an amazing race in the 600, placing first. He also won the 600yrd race against Lynnfield and Ipswich, leaving the other runners way behind. Later in the season Drew ran the 300yrd. race against Andover High in an amazing 35.7 seconds to place an excellent 2nd place and to set a personal best.

Out of the four years that Drew has attended Andover, he has run Spring track every year. Although this was Drew's first season running winter track, he handled the competition very well almost always placing 1st or 2nd in whatever event he ran in. Captain Kurt Spring said about Maletz, "Drew is the silent athlete because he speaks with his performances. He is a very hard worker and proves himself in every meet." This season Drew primarily focused on the 600yrd, 300yrd, and 400m events running to his maximum potential in every race of any of the events. During spring track, Drew primarily focuses on the 400m and 800m run. Maletz said, "I think that most of my potential lies in the longer events, such as the 800m."

Before Andover, Maletz attended West Middle School in Andover. Maletz said that the school did not offer any sports and that the students had to participate in programs outside of school if they wanted to compete in sports. Drew wanted to take his academic talent further. Andover was the only school that he looked at and was admitted as a junior. Drew said that he decided to come here because he wanted to stay close to home and also because his friends were going to Andover.

Maletz said that he was very happy to come to Andover as a early ninth grader. He hadn't considered running until spring of his junior year when he ran track. It was toward the end of the season that Drew realized the talent he possessed, breaking the freshman record for the 400m. Lower year, Drew became injured and ran an average season. Last year he played soccer in the fall and ran track again in the spring. Drew had a great season last year, breaking the upper record in the 400m. Drew plans to run spring track again this year, which he thinks will be a fantastic season filled with new goals and new horizons.

Besides running, Drew possesses many other talents, such as his love for music. Drew has been playing the piano for twelve years and is the co-president of the Chamber Music society. He is also a member of the Andover chorus. Maletz said that, for him, music comes before running. Drew hopes to take his talent in music further in his life as well as running. He hopes to attend Brown University next year and continue to run as well as excel in music.

Out of the athletes that come and go, Drew Maletz is one that stands out because of his amazing accomplishments, hard work, and humility. He is one of a kind, the kind that always gives his best effort and runs with determination but never brags about his accomplishments. He definitely has earned his spot as one of the athletes of the term. Drew will surely take his talents further in the future and will continue to excel in his running and in the challenges that await this talented athlete.





Boys' track captain Kurt Spring '98 will lead his teammates into battle next week while competing in the pole vault. The boys are out of the gates a bit sluggishly, but will chase the example of last year's team's perfect record in league competition.

Photo /O. Mark

LETTER WINNERS

Track - G Winter

Abbott, Anne S.
Ackerman, Avra G.
Avery, Taliser R.(C)
Burt, Lindsay C.
Cole, Hannah J.
Dougherty, Erin C.
Dundas, Deysia L.
Greene, Lucy K.
Husbands, Sharon N.
Isenburg, Jocelyn S.
Jay, Allison M.
Menocal, Harriet P.
Mitchell, Jasmine M.
O'Hern, Julia E.
Vinton, Deborah T.
Wykstra, Stephanie L.

SPORT: Girls Track

YEAR: Winter 1998

CAPTAIN: Taliser Avery
HOME ADDRESS: Andover, MA

MANAGERS: Sunyin Tjio Yeechin Huang
HOME ADDRESS: Greenwich, CT Andover, MA

COACH: Nancy Lang
ASSISTANT COACHES: Lou Bernieri, Lisa Cummings, Judy
Landowne, Corbin Lang, John Stableford,
Amy Wilmer, Bryan Winn
MENTOR: John Strudwick

SEASON RECORD

WON: 3 LOST: 2 TIED: 0

Girls Track Team 1997-98

Squad Statistics

Name and Home Address	Class	Event	Season's Best
Anne Abbott San Francisco, California	Lower	2 Miles 1 Mile 600-yard Run Mile Relay	12:32.5 5:41.8 1:42.8
Avra Ackerman Groton, Massachusetts	Senior	600-yard Run Mile Relay	1:36.6
Taliser Avery Andover, Massachusetts	Senior	Pole Vault 300-yard Run Mile Relay	8'0" 42.8
Ifeolu Babatunde Peabody, Massachusetts	Junior	300-yard Run Long Jump	45.8 14'1"
Genevieve Bahrenburg Greenwich, Connecticut	Lower	300-yard Run	45.5
Alison Banks Kinston, Massachusetts	Senior	Shot Put	25'6"
Anne Bernard Boxford, Massachusetts	Lower	300-yard Run 50-yard Dash Pole Vault	42.5 7.4 4'0"
Lindsay Burt Chelmsford, Massachusetts	Upper	600-yard Run Mile Relay	1:33.2
Hannah Cole Andover, Massachusetts	Senior	Shot Put	34'9"
Bridget Cook Andover, Massachusetts	Lower	One Mile	6:52.9
Sarah Corbin Rochester, New Hampshire	Senior	Shot Put	22'2"
Rebecca Dann Andover, Massachusetts	Junior	Pole Vault 50-yard Dash 300-yard Run	7'0" 7.5 46.8
Kathryn Dornbush Weston, Massachusetts	Upper	50-yard Dash Pole Vault	7.2 4'0"
Erin Dougherty Middlebury, Virginia	Senior	High Jump Long Jump 300-yard Run Mile Relay	5'0" 15'8.75" 45.5
Desia Dundus Brooklyn, New York	Lower	50-yard Dash Mile Relay	6.5
Chelsie Gosk South Windsor, Connecticut	Lower	Two Miles	14:06
Lucy Greene Slatersville, Rhode Island	Lower	600-yard Run 300-yard Run 50-yard Hurdles Mile Relay	1:37.0 42.5 9.1

Girls Track Team 1997-98

Squad Statistics

Sharon Husbands Brooklyn, New York	Senior	50-yard Dash 300-yard Run	7.0 42.2
Jocelyn Isenburg Longmeadow, Massachusetts	Senior	50-yard Dash 300-yard Run Mile Relay	6.8 41.5
Allison Jay Hinsdale, Illinois	Senior	1000-yard Run One Mile Long Jump	3:00.1 5:46.5 13' 11"
Lois Kim Riverdale, New York	Upper	50-yard Dash 50-yard Hurdles 300-yard Run	6.7 9.4 42.8
Hilary Langer Boxford, Massachusetts	Junior	600-yard Run	1:48.2
Kirsten Lewis Hillsborough, California	Upper	Shot Put	19' .5"
Katherine Mason Andover, Massachusetts	Lower	One Mile 1000-yard Run	6:07.6 3:27.8
Harriet Menocal New York, New York	Senior	One Mile 1000-yard Run	5:42.0 3:05.1
Jasmine Mitchell Brooklyn, New York	Upper	Two Miles	12:28.2
Julia O'Hern Johnston, Iowa	Junior	Shot Put	32' 11"
Meagan Prah East Cleveland, Ohio	Senior	50-yard Dash 50-yard Hurdles	7.1 8.6
Shevon Rockett Washington, District of Columbia	Upper	50-yard Dash 50-yard Hurdles	6.8 8.3
Leanne Tremblay Methuen, Massachusetts	Junior	300-yard Run	56.2
Deborah Vinton Wellesley, Massachusetts	Senior	One Mile Two Miles 1000-yard Run	5:47.5 12:06.8 3:07.6
Arabella von Walstrom Greenwich, Connecticut	Junior	600-yard Run 300-yard Run Shot Put	1:56.5 49.9 24' 2.5"
Erin Westaway Andover, Massachusetts	Junior	50-yard Dash Pole Vault	7.8 4' 0"
Stephanie Wykstra Gloucester, Massachusetts	Upper	High Jump 50-yard Dash	4' 4" 7.5

DATE OF CONTEST: January 14, 1998

OPPONENT: Tewksbury High School

WHERE PLAYED: Phillips Academy

RESULT:

Phillips Academy	43
Tewksbury High School	52

DATE OF CONTEST: February 4, 1998

OPPONENT: Ipswich High School

WHERE PLAYED: Phillips Academy

RESULT:

Phillips Academy	73
Ipswich High School	18.5

by Austin Arensberg
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover 73
Ipswich 24
Lynnfield 24



The girls track team won their fourth meet on Wednesday bringing their record to 3-2. They ran very well against Lynnfield and Ipswich, both teams being ill-prepared for the Big Blue's vigorous running and good field placer's. The team is in mid-season and has been training hard for their upcoming invitational at Wheaton. The meet showed much promise for the new athletes and the veteran runners.

The meet began with two great performances in the one mile run, Allie Jay '98 and Deb Vinton '98. The Andover pack slowly gained a lead, and by the fourth lap they had sustained a forty yard difference with Jay and Vinton in front. A great performance from senior long and high jumper, Erin Dougherty who finished first in both events and was far ahead of her competitors. The sprinting group is quickly developing into the pinnacle part of the team as runners: Avra Ackerman '98 and Lucy Greene '00 took first in their different 600 meter dash heats.

The team has produced many winners early in the season. Girls Track had ten first place finishers out of eleven possible events with the exception of pole vault which was not an event on Wednesday. This record shows how well they are able to adapt to a hiatus of track meets for Varsity. New PG runner Jocelyn Isenburg could not run on Wednesday due to an injury but will hopefully be accompanying the team to run in the four hundred meter relay for Saturday's meet at Wheaton. Anne Abbott established an early lead and kept it in her two mile race finishing in under 12:40 as Andover spectators looked down from the upper track.

The team's workouts have increasingly become harder as they train for their invitational. Two weeks have passed since the last Varsity meet but the team has not lost anything and has instead used the time to come together as a team and strengthen through their tough workouts. The team is taking the top finisher's in each event to the invitational. Their meet on Saturday at Wheaton will be with many prep school's and will provide some needed competition. With the addition of a strong and confident sprinting branch and a well developed long distance team they will surely finish on top.

Wednesday's meet was a boost for the team's lagging schedule and the weeks ahead are going to be challenging as meets become more regular than before. "We are going to Wheaton confident and our team this year will showcase our abilities," remarked Captain Taliser Avery and she added:

"Our team has had two weeks of hard training, and Wednesday's meet showed that our preparation has paid off. Support and cheering have really helped the team pull through the hard workouts and meets." The season, now in full swing, is beginning to show its possibilities. We can only wait to see what awaits this very talented team.

Top PA Finishers

Mile Run	Time/Distance	Place
A. Jay	5:46.5	1
50yd Hurdles		
S. Rockett	8.3	1
High Jump		
E. Dougherty	4' 10"	1
50yd		
L. Kim	6.8	2
Shot Put		
H. Cole	31' 3"	3
600yd		
A. Ackerman	1:38.6	1
Long Jump		
E. Dougherty	15' 8.75"	1
2 Mile		
A. Abbott	10:32.5	1
300yd		
L. Greene	43.3	1
1000yd		
H. Menocal	3:05.1	1

DATE OF CONTEST: February 4, 1998

OPPONENT: Lynnfield High School

WHERE PLAYED: Phillips Academy

RESULT:

Phillips Academy	73
Lynnfield High School	26.5



DATE OF CONTEST: February 11, 1998

OPPONENT: Andover High School

WHERE PLAYED: Phillips Academy

RESULT:

Phillips Academy	54
Andover High School	41

21" Track Shows Up Crosstown Rival



Avra Ackerman has played an instrumental role in Andover's success, stepping up in the short distance events. Photo / J. Mitchell

by Austin Arensberg
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover 54
AHS 41



This past Saturday the girls' varsity swim-

ming team competed in the Wheaton Invitational and won its meet against Andover

High on Wednesday. Wheaton was a challenging meet for the team as many schools from the region attended. Many personal bests were made in both meets thus providing the team with confidence for the upcoming Invitational at Bowdoin.

Saturday's meet at Wheaton provided great competition, especially from rival Exeter. Ally Jay '98 won a close eight hundred and she later commented, "The race was close and the nearest competitor was trailing behind me the entire race. Near the end it was a sprint to the end."

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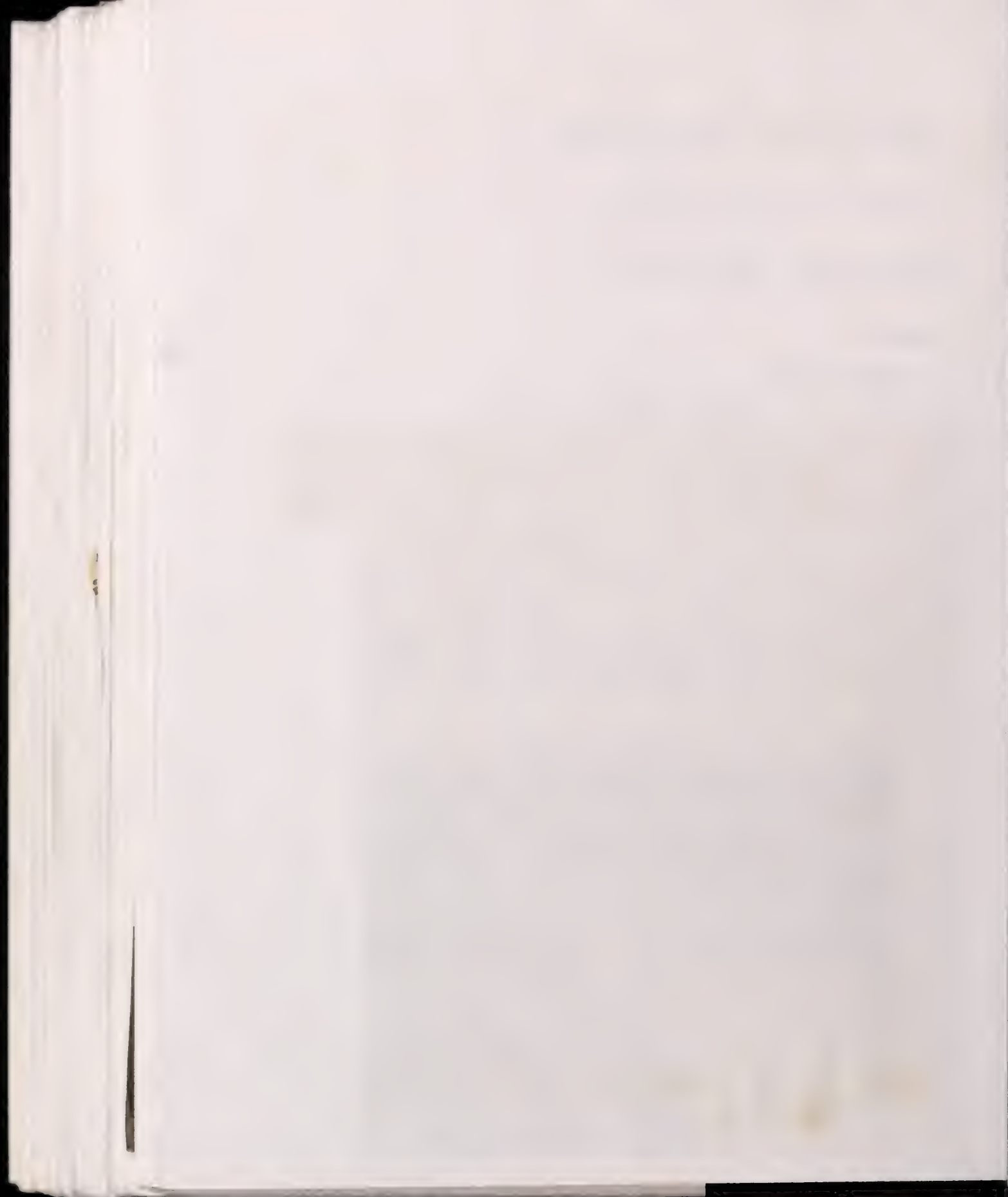
Field events on Wednesday's meet were well above expectations as Erin Dougherty '98 placed first in both the long and high jump events. In the six hundred meter dash Lindsay Burt '99 and Avra Ackerman '98 kept a strong lead against Andover High finishing first and second respectively. The one mile relay was led by Lucy Greene '00 who began the race with a small lead. Ackerman stepped up gaining even more ground on the Andover high runners while Burt anchored the win. Burt who has been out for the past week has been able to recover and is

back running for the team. Team captain Taliser Avery commented on the phenomenal performances: "Andover High has traditionally been a tough meet for us but we showed on Wednesday our strength and depth in both track and field events."

Deb Vinton '98 accomplished her personal best in the mile but felt that her second place could have been bettered. Desias Dundas '00, improving largely over her personal best in the fifty meter dash, won a close heat. Overall Wednesday's meet was a great stepping stone for Bowdoin and Exeter.

The team is still missing sprinter Jocelyn Isenburg '98 due to an injury but hopefully she will be able to run at the Bowdoin Invitational. The team has no meet this weekend but will run in two weeks against their biggest competitor, Exeter. The intense training that has been routine lately will slowly taper near their big invitational and then increase once again for Exeter.

The team thus far has improved greatly from their beginning season performances and there will surely be more personal bests in the last few meets. The long distance group will be vying for good scoring opportunities in the upcoming races as they develop into a very essential part of the team. Field events led by Dougherty's fantastic performances will provide even more support at Exeter and Bowdoin. Sharon Husbands '98 veteran leadership in the sprinting pack will be a deciding factor in the last meets as Andover looks to finish a very successful season.



DATE OF CONTEST: February 25, 1998

OPPONENT: Phillips Exeter Academy

WHERE PLAYED: Phillips Academy

RESULT:

Phillips Academy	48
Phillips Exeter Academy	55

Both Track Teams Fall to Exeter



Avra Ackerman '98 has fared well this year in the 600 m, and against Exeter she took third place.

Photo / D. Kurs

by Austin Arensberg
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Exeter 54
Andover 41

This past
Wednesday the
Girls' Winter



Track team suffered a
close loss to rival
Phillips Academy
Exeter. Wednesday

was the team's final meet, capping off
a great term of running. Andover had
seven out of twelve first place finishes
and by the middle of the meet Big
Blue was ahead by seven points.

The meet began with a great performance by senior jumper, Erin Dougherty '98 who won the long jump by a commanding two inches. Anne Abbot '00 and Happy Menocal '98 both trailed a strong runner from Exeter most of the race gaining their lead on the rest of the pack in the last three laps. Hannah Cole '98 in the Shot Put once again dominated the competition, leaving Exeter's best shot putter four feet behind her first place finish. Lindsay Burt '99 showed that she could recover from a week long hiatus and ran a spectacular 600 meter, leading the pack from the first turn

through the finish.

The race of the night was Deb Vinton's '98 two mile run. The leading pack went out fast, but instead of following and dropping back later, Vinton kept her pace. Despite a confusing lap counter she led the pack through to the finish. The team has relied on much of Vinton's distance racing and will surely look to others to lead next year.

The girls' meet ended with a thrilling four by four hundred meter relay with varsity runners: Ackerman '98, Greene '00, Dundas '98 and Burt in anchor. Four seconds ahead from the nearest Exeter runner, Burt got a great hand-off and maintained her fast pace to the finish.

The season had both new and experienced runners all with the will to succeed. Their effort and tenacity kept them an ominous threat to the surrounding teams. The seniors who will graduate this spring have provided the team with great leadership and have left their impression on the team as a whole. Thanks to all the effort of the runners and the advice of all the coaches, the team this year had a great season.



Taliser Avery '98

by Kate Macmillan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Indoor track is a sport that a large percentage of the school participates in during the winter season. Not only do boys and girls practice or compete in running each day, but also in such field events as long jump, high jump, discus, and pole vault, to name a few. Tali Avery, the captain of the enormous girls' indoor track team, competes in both running and pole vaulting, which happens to be her specialty. Tali is so good at pole vaulting, in fact, that she recently qualified for Nationals after defeating Exeter last week. Of course, such a distinction is hardly new to her, for last winter she placed twelfth in the nation and set a personal best (8' 6").

Tali's success in pole vaulting has come rather recently, or, to be exact, in the last four years. After all, athletes are rarely exposed to track events like pole vaulting before high school, and Tali is no exception. The daughter of Dean of Studies Vincent Avery, Tali and her twin sister, Kyric, have grown up on the Andover Campus. While growing up, Tali had no experience with track, but instead participated in soccer.

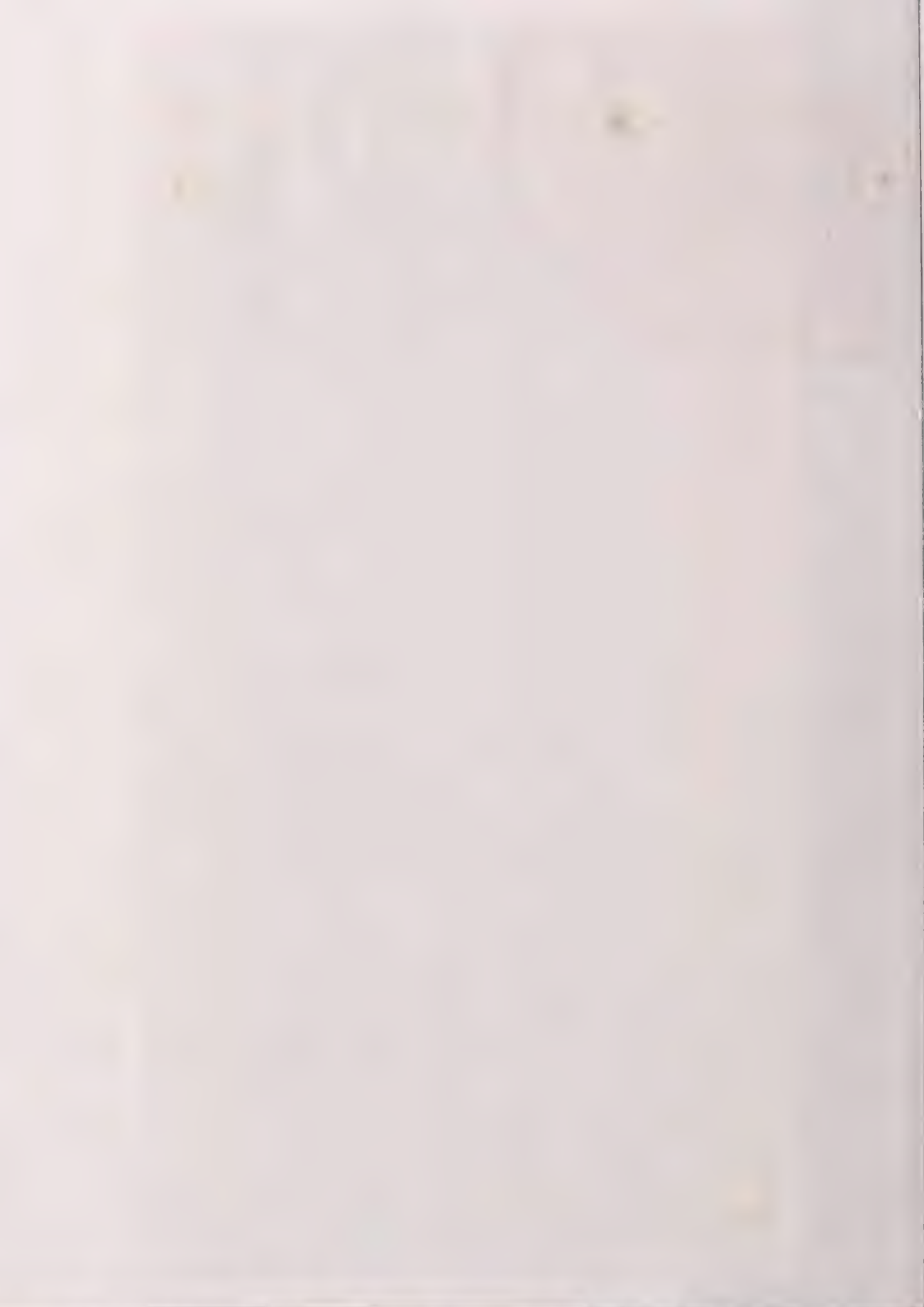
When she was in the eighth grade at Doherty Middle School, Tali considered her plans for her upcoming high school career. Although Andover seemed the clear and obvious choice for the daughter of a faculty member, Tali maintains that "some faculty kids do get rejected," and, as a result, was determined to leave her options open. To no one's surprise, however, Tali and her sister were accepted that spring, and shortly thereafter the pair embarked upon their four year journey through high school.

The fall of her junior year Tali played soccer, just as she had expected to. The winter passed quietly, for Tali had not yet discovered track. That spring however, she was practically clueless as to what sport she wanted to play. She asked around and talked to a lot of people, and finally concluded that she would join the track team. She had so much fun that season that by the next winter, she was seriously considering competing two seasons in a row, because as Tali says "the people on the indoor track team looked like they had a lot of fun during the winter." And so Tali became a full-fledged track athlete. In the beginning she tried her hand at different events, and then one day she discovered pole-vaulting. As she recalls lovingly, "There was this other girl, she looked like she was having so much fun [pole vaulting]; it looked like something I'd like to do." Thus ensued the marriage of a track star and her event. After all, it takes not only courage and determination to even make an attempt at something so risky, but also, to actually achieve and be good at the pole vault, one must possess a fairly great amount of both skill and athleticism.

Tali has definitely proven that she possesses all of these traits and then some. Not only did she win her event at Andover-Exeter, she also set a new Andover-Exeter record. Of course, record-setting is practically old hat for Tali- she owns almost every record there is to hold in New England, including both the Andover indoor and outdoor records, as well as the NEPS-TA (New England Prep School Track Association) outdoor record, which she set last Spring at Interschols when she became the New England champion. This season Tali also placed an impressive 7th at the Dartmouth Relays, which are host to some of the best high school and college track teams in the country. Incredibly, Tali also has enough left in her after pole vaulting to do a little running as well. She runs the 4x400 mile relay, and sometimes the 300 yard run. It would be pretty safe to assume that Tali had a pretty good time at Interschols last season, for not only did she demolish the competition in the pole vault, but in addition her team won the 4x400, thus contributing to the Andover girls' team becoming overall New England champions.

As if Tali's outstanding accomplishments on the track weren't enough, she is also a stellar participant in almost all other aspects of the PA community. She is co-head of both Amnesty International and the Art Club, she secretaries S.A.R.C., she volunteers for Bread Loaf Pen Pals, and she sings in the Gospel Choir. This school has been made into what it is by people who simply give every ounce of themselves every moment of the day; Tali Avery is obviously one of those people. Although it is hard to imagine a college not wanting a student like Tali, she still awaits decisions from Tufts, Cornell, Lafayette, UVM, UNH, and UMass. Regardless of where she ends up matriculating, however, she has already determined that she would very much like to extend her already eminent pole vaulting career.

Although the winter track season has drawn to a close, the outdoor season looms ahead, and Tali hopes that her final season competing in Andover Blue will bring her a new record where she might soar even higher above the competition than she already has. As always, she will rely upon the support of her sister Kyric, whom she would like to thank for coming to cheer her on at all of her meets, as well as that of her parents, who she acknowledges for allowing her to compete in the pole vault, even though they view it as quite dangerous. With such a plethora of track accolades already under her belt, Tali will doubtless remain a pole vaulting legend long after she graduates. However, I am doubtless that if she can find that once extra ounce of audacity and energy needed to break her own record, she will do it, for she's just one of those people.



Jocelyn Isenburg '98

"Amongst an elite class of athletes, she still stood out at Dartmouth." — Deb Vinton

by Andy Butler and Jason Gimbel
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATES

Clearly an athlete of the highest caliber, Jocelyn Isenburg '98 has surpassed all expectations to star in her second consecutive sport at Andover. A huge contributor to the potent girls' soccer team this fall, she has blossomed in a new environment. Although she has never participated in Winter track before, Jocelyn has bolted out of the starting blocks to lead the team in its quest to win an unprecedented fourth straight indoor championship. With experience at outdoor track, Isenburg and her coaches hoped the transition indoors would be a success. The dreams have already become a reality as Jocelyn proceeded to dominate early season races. Capturing first place in the 300 meter and the 4x400 relay in Wednesday's tri-meet with Tewksbury and Central Catholic, she continued her rise to track prominence and stardom. With her enormous speed and pure will to win, Isenburg is the obvious choice for our final Athlete of the Week. Growing up in Longmeadow, MA, Jocelyn experienced a small-town childhood. Always encouraged and supported by her parents, Isenburg excelled in life from a young age. After finishing junior high, Longmeadow High School was the logical choice for her to continue her education. At LHS, Jocelyn joined the varsity soccer team as a freshman. The immediate future looked bright until an injury put her career on hold. Tearing her ACL and the cartilage in her knee, Isenburg was sidelined during her first season. Track, a sport she wanted to start, was now out of the question. After a long period of tenacious rehabilitation, Jocelyn finally managed to return to relative health and during her sophomore year found her niche on the team in the form of the 100 meter and 200 meter races.

Despite her success during tenth grade, Jocelyn did not feel truly ready to compete for top spot in Massachusetts until junior year. In eleventh grade Isenburg dominated the field, finishing first in 100 meter dash at the Western Mass. Championships. She continued her sparkling performance with a second place finish at States and New Englands. In addition to these remarkable accomplishments, Jocelyn also set a school record for the 100 m, running the race in 12.3 seconds.

Seeking an opportunity to improve her track skills as well as a launching pad for college, Isenburg applied to

Andover faculty members. Her coach, Lisa Pimentel, took every opportunity to talk with Isenburg and make sure everything was okay. Mr. Kip and Mr. Price aided Jocelyn in her academic transition to Andover by taking the time to help her adjust. On the whole, the transition to PA on the academic and athletic levels went smoothly. The boarding aspect proved to be the only problems with the change. "After the first week I was pretty homesick," said Isenburg.

The girls' track team will defend their three consecutive championships with a full arsenal of athletes this year.

Isenburg, already a key member of the squad, will run the 300m and the 4x400 relay to further the quest for yet another title. While her coaches are quick to laud her abilities, the times speak for themselves. In the first test of the season, Isenburg traveled with eighteen of her teammates to compete in the Dartmouth Invitational, an elite meet comprised of both public and private athletes. Although seeded 42nd in the 4x400, Jocelyn, Lucy



Photo J. Mitchell Green '00, Lindsay Burt '99, and Tally Avery '98 placed 13th in the event. In Wednesday's meet, Isenburg continued to dazzle spectators with first and second place finishes in the 300 and 50 meter races, respectively.

In terms of college, Jocelyn has her sights set on North Carolina. However, she has also submitted applications to Harvard, Williams, Washington and Lee, Wake Forest, Maryland, and Umass. With future plans up in the air, Isenburg will concentrate on indoor track and prepare for the outdoor season. The dream of wearing a Tar Heel's uniform while celebrating a national championship is fast becoming a very realistic possibility. No doubt her future will be full of success and broken records wherever she decides to continue her already stellar career.

Andover. Encouraged by her father, a prep school graduate of his own right, Jocelyn made the tough decision to leave the security of her home for a new challenging environment. Although she applied at the last moment and was given less than a day to make her decision, Jocelyn believes Andover has been a refreshing opportunity for her to improve her academics and athletics for college. Her dream to attend the University of North Carolina, which boasts one of the premier track and field teams in the nation, was the motivating factor in her decision.

Jocelyn's Andover career began in early September as she arrived for pre-season soccer training. "The girls on the team were really cool, they helped me a lot during the first few weeks," commented Isenburg. In addition to the aid of her new friends, Jocelyn benefited from the support of several



Girls' track will rely on its short distance runners in coming meets, particularly the speedy post-graduate student Jocelyn Isenburg. Ally Jay '98, pictured here, will lead the long distance runners into battle. Coach Nancy Lang is excited about the rest of the season, which has thus far gone somewhat badly. Though the girls have a 2-1 record, they should be 3-0--at the year's beginning, they hoped for an undefeated year.

Photo / C. Evans

SPORT: Boys Varsity Wrestling

YEAR: 1997-1998

CAPTAIN: Moses Kagan, Greg Chase
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER: Melissa Diaz, Krista Wepsic, Pam Henderson
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: Richard Gorham, Mark Efinger, Bing Sung
ASSISTANT COACHES:

SEASON RECORD

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4th New England's

(wrestling)
Chase, Gregory V. (c)
Cho, Edward J.
Christopher, Kwesi A.
Costantino, Mark J., Jr.
Dempsey, John N., III
Diaz, Melissa E. (u)
Gossard, Andrew D.
Hersch, Jeremy L.
Jonas, Adam C.
Kagan, Eli S.
Kagan, Moses J. (c)
Kaye, Noah
Kish, Matthew J.
Lasater, Charles K.
MacDonald, Adam D.
Murphy, Sean B.
Myers, John O., Jr.
Pescatore, Daniel J.
Pytko, Justin S.
Riehl, Matthew E.
Robinson, Jocelyn A.
Sung, Max W.

: Captain

UAD STATISTICS

NAME AND HOME ADDRESS	Seeding Seeding (at Class A's)	WEIGHT	Placing Placing (at Class A's)	POSITION
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n Murphy (did not te at class A's) dover, MA	n/a n/a	112	n/a	
n Jonas ncestown, NH	# 7	119	# 6	
r. Kish lover, MA.	# 7	125	n/a	
tin Pytka dover, MA	# 7	130	n/a	
my Hersch York, NY	# 1	135	# 1	
es Kagan * y, NY	# 3	140	# 1	
g Chase * nfield, MA	# 2	145	# 2	
x Sung dover, MA	n/a	152	# 6	
ah Kaye peka, KS	# 3	160	# 3	
n Lasater n Francisco, CA	n/a	171	n/a	
hn Dempsey fret Center, CT	n/a	189	n/a	
i Kagan oy, NY.	# 6	215	# 6	
hn Costantino thens, GA	n/a	275	n/a	



DATE OF CONTEST: January 10, 1998

OPPONENT: Choate Rosemary Hall

WHERE PLAYED: at Andover

RESULT: 42 - 35 Andover

- 103 B. Pearsal (choate) WBF 1:37 Patrick Murphy
- 112 Adam Jonas WBF 3:23 J. Fawcett (choate)
- 119 A. Clifford WBF 2:46 Matt Riehl
- 125 C. Briffel (choate) WBF 5:19 Matt Kish
- 130 D. Jenkins (choate) WTF 16-0 Dan Pescatore
- 135 Jeremy Hersch WTF 15-0 G. Hamm (choate)
- 140 Moses Kagan WBF 4:19 B. Cullinane (choate)
- 145 Greg Chase WBF :51 B. Clair (choate)
- 152 Max Song WBF 3:00 C. Tom (choate)
- 160 Noah Kaye 13-2 M. Harris (choate)
- 171 Kam Lasater 13-9 J. Hayden (choate)
- 189 J. Bozzi (choate) WBF 3:14 John Demsey
- 215 Eli Kagan WBF 5:38 I. McLaughlin (choate)
- 275 J. Reid (choate) WBF 1:24 John Constantino

DATE OF CONTEST: January 14, 1998

OPPONENT: Hyde School

WHERE PLAYED: at Andover

RESULT: 51 - 27 Hyde

103	C. Day (Hyde)	Forfeit	
112	Adam Jonas	WBF 3:05	B. Liepzig (Hyde)
119	J. Kelly (Hyde)	WBF 1:55	Sean Murphy
125	P. Duong (Hyde)	WBF 3:43	Matt Kish
130	S. Wright (Hyde)	WBF 0:54	Adam MacDonald
135	Jeremy Hersch	WBF 0:27	M. Kenner (Hyde)
140	Moses Kagan (Captain)	11-4	N. Amantea (Hyde)
145	Greg Chase (Captain)	WBF 0:19	D. O'Connor (Hyde)
152	Max Sung	WBF 2:48	J. Viebrooks (Hyde)
160	M. Mayne (Hyde)	9-7	Noah Kaye
171	J. Phelps (Hyde)	WBF 5:02	Kam Lasater
189	J. Henry (Hyde)	WBF 3:33	John Demsey
215	N. Hood (Hyde)	WBF 3:47	Eli Kagan
275	E. Boero (Hyde)	WBF 1:17	John Costantino

DATE OF CONTEST: January 14, 1998

OPPONENT: Wilbraham Monson Academy

WHERE PLAYED: at Andover

RESULT: $\frac{42}{45}$ - 30 W.M.A.

103 No Contest

112 G. Lamarche ~~WMA~~ - Forfeit

119 S. Root (W.M.A) Forfeit

125 M. Root (W.M.A) WBF 2:44 Matt Kish

130 F. Aliyu (W.M.A) WBF 1:21 Adam MacDonald

135 Jeremy Hersch WBF 0:16 B. Juengst (WMA)

140 Moses Kagan (Captain) WBF 5:08 B. Araryo (WMA)

145 Greg Chase (Captain) WBF 0:50 F. Bruno (WMA)

152 D. Kovolchuk (WMA) 6-1 Max Sung

160 J. Fountain (WMA) WBF 1:14 Noah Kaye

171 Kam Lasater WBF 2:48 D. Johnson (WMA)

189 Bill McGonigle WBF :57 B. O'Connor (WMA)

215 D. Jennings (WMA) WBF 5:21 Eli Kagan

275 D. Smith (WMA) WBF 1:43 John Costantino

Middleweights Carry The Big Blue Through Early Season Match-Ups

by Noah Kaye

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	48
Choate	34
Hyde	51
Andover	27
W-Munson	42
Andover	30

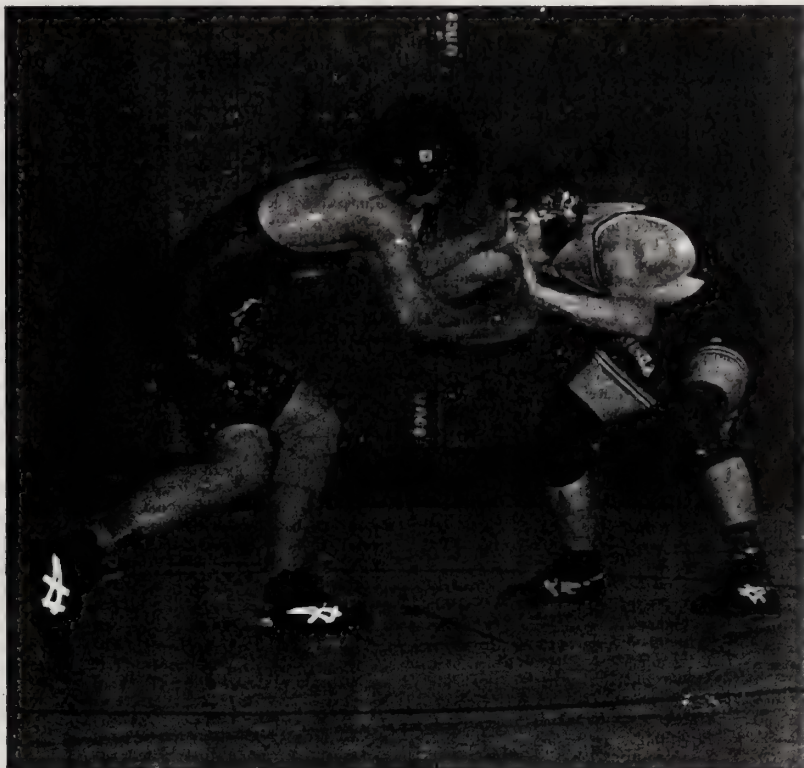
Though Wilberham and Munson was the only perennial contender among the group, three Class A wrestling teams visited Andover this week, presenting the wrestling team with three weighty duels. The results indicated that this Andover wrestling team, unlike last year's, definitely isn't peaking too early. A mediocre performance against the Class A cellar-dwelling Choate in the season opener provided ample motivation for a team wary of not riding last year's success, the best finish in over a decade. But Andover dropped not one, but two duels on Wednesday. Hyde proved that they weren't a pushover, and Wilberham, in their first regular-season meeting in recent years with Andover, plowed over the resilient and intense Big Blue wrestlers.

Choate

Initially, Andover wrestlers stared dumbfounded at the mat, momentarily believing that last year's wrestling team was facing Choate. Besides a pin recorded by Adam Jonas '00 at 112 lbs., the light-weight, young, and unexperienced section of the Andover lineup dug in and wrestled hard, but in the process dug the team a hole on the scoreboard. A dramatic turn of events took place, though, when Jeremy Hersch '99 took the mat at 135 lbs. His pin was followed by consecutive wins in every weight class through 171 lbs, where Cam Lassater '99 wrestled with fury in his first varsity match. This run, with the help of a come from behind win by Eli Kagan '99 at 215 lbs., finished off a suprising Choate team 48-34.

Hyde and Wilberham

Wednesday's tri-meet was upon Andover before the team had finished savoring the taste of the victory over Choate—and the results were inevitable. Hyde gained an early edge, gaining points on a forfeit at 103 with Andover's Patrick Murphy '00 injured. Adam Jonas' second win of the week was followed by an impressive performance from newcomer Sean Murphy '00, who outmached his opponent before inexperience took



Adam Jonas '00 and the Blue put in a strong showing against a highly rated Wilbraham Munson team.

Photo / J. Mitchell

over and he fell. A quick pin by Hersch and Captain Moses Kagan's '98 skillful defeat of Hyde's captain erased the lost ground. Co-Captain Greg Chase '98 caught his unexpected opponent in a cradle, and Max Sung '99 recorded a win at 152 lbs, replacing Greg Chase who shifted down to 145.

The rest of the match consisted of a series of valiant almost's and nearly's. Noah Kaye '99 couldn't turn his opponent for the necessary points to secure a win at 160, Eli Kagan wrestled a titan 215 opponent evenly until a bad roll put him on his back, and John Costantino '99, who has wrestled courageously in his first season as the team's heavyweight, couldn't stay off of his back. Andover was shocked to realize the magnitude of their defeat. 51-27, but the team was also sparked

by the sting of the loss.

Wilberham made quick work of Hyde before deciding to rest some of their varsity lineup in the rubber match against Andover. The lineup which did face Andover was a formidable one nonetheless. Last year's second place finisher in the Class A's at 103 faced that same bracket's third place winner, Adam Jonas. This time, both were meaty 112's. Jonas flirted with what would have been a remarkable win, losing in the final period, but not negating his inspiring performance. A forfeit at 119 as a result of an injury to starter Sean Murphy, coupled with falls taken at 125 and 130 momentarily erased the momentum built by Jonas' wrestling. But Jeremy Hersch revived the Andover bench with a 20-second sticking, and both captains did their part to even the team score. Sung

wrestled tirelessly for five minutes in an extremely low-scoring bout, but loss control of the match late in the final period. Pin after pin after pin followed, interrupted only by Lassater's wonderful wrestling and determined pinning. It seemed as if the team's hope, down by six entering the last match of the day, lay in John Costantino's hands. But what lay in his hands was a chance to demonstrate how to wrestle innocently and respectfully, positively and resolutely. Without doubt, the level of wrestling exhibited by Andover wrestlers will be raised in future meets by the continual efforts of a few genuine spark-plugs. Deerfield visits Andover on Saturday. In the meanwhile, the team cultivates a spark that won't go out before igniting a fire.



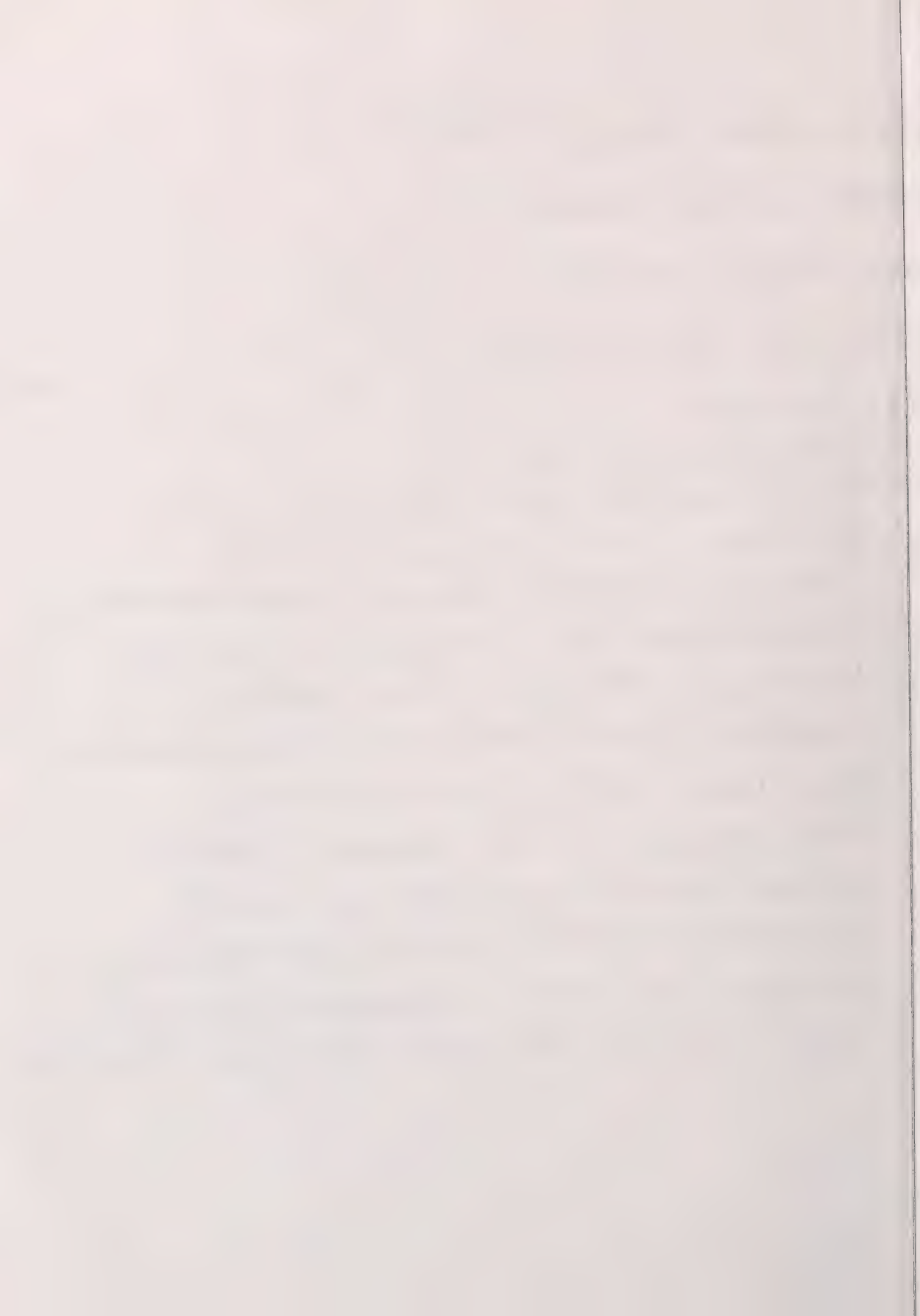
DATE OF CONTEST: January 17, 1998

OPPONENT: Deerfield Academy

WHERE PLAYED: at Andover

RESULT: 43 - 24 Andover

- 103 No Contest
- 112 Adam Jonas - Forfeit
- 119 R. Law (Deerfield) WBF 0:54 Sean Murphy
- 125 Matt Kish 12-11 A. Jean (Deerfield)
- 130 C. Steinglass (Deerfield) WBF 2:42 Adam MacDonald
- 135 Jeremy Hersch 13-4 R. Yamaguchi (Deerfield)
- 140 Max Sung WBF 1:54 T. Jolis (Deerfield)
- 145 Greg Chase (Captain) WBF 5:08 M. Brown (Deerfield)
- 152 Noah Kaye 6-5 D. Smith (Deerfield)
- 160 Andy Gossard 9-7 M. Konowicz (Deerfield)
- 171 E. Barnes (Deerfield) WBF 1:40 Kam Lasater
- 189 B. O'Donnell (Deerfield) WBF 2:18 Bill McGonigle
- 215 Eli Kagan WBF 2:31 G. Covington (Deerfield)
- 275 John Costantino WBF 1:18 O. Hernandez (Deerfield)



DATE OF CONTEST: January 17, 1998

OPPONENT: Tilton Academy

WHERE PLAYED: at Andover

RESULT: 66 - 12 Andover

103 No Contest

112 Adam Jonas - Forfeit

119 Matt Riehl - Forfeit

125 Matt Kish - Forfeit

130 Dan Pescatore - Forfeit

135 Jeremy Hersch - Forfeit

140 Max Sung WBF 2:30 S. Yoo (Tilton)

145 Greg Chase WBF 1:42 D. Perin chief (Tilton)

152 Noah Kaye WBF 0:39 P. Mckerly (Tilton)

160 ~~Andy~~ E. Seagle (Tilton) WBF 3:36 Andy Gossard

171 C. Snell (Tilton) WBF 5:09 Kam Lasater

189 John Demsey WBF 5:09 A. McDonnell (Tilton)

215 Eli Kagan - Forfeit

275 John Costantino - Forfeit

Wrestlers Topple Perennial Deerfield, Cruise Past Tilton

Andover finally hits its stride in league competition

by Noah Kaye
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover 43
Deerfield 24
Andover 66
Tilton 12
Andover 64
Worcester 18

"Deerfield is one of our top Class A rivals and traditionally one of the strongest," commented Coach Gorham before Saturday's big match against Deerfield. The team also faced Worcester Academy, another Class A school, with both captains out of the lineup because of sickness. Worcester, however, couldn't muster an upset of the strong Andover team in a match that lacked the significance and intensity of the Deerfield match.

Deerfield

Initially, the heated duel was downplayed when neither team sent a 103-pounder to the center circle, and the 112 lb. bout was ruled merely an exhibition, a forfeit to Andover, when the Deerfield wrestler didn't make weight.

Andover's Sean Murphy '00 returned to the lineup at 119 lbs., though only days earlier, disjunct fingers appeared to prevent him from wrestling.

Despite his quick return, Murphy was easily dispatched by the Deerfield captain while a healthy and unfatigued Matt Kish '99 pulled out a turbulent win, 12-11, after some dispute over the final period's scoring.

Kish, though skillful on his feet, lost his balance on top several times, leading to easy reversals for his opponent and once placing him on his back. But a quick shot in the slow-moving final period, a straight-ahead, double-leg takedown, gave Kish yet another tentative lead in the see-saw battle. This time he kept steady on top, and Andover tied the score 6-6.

Wrestling the most dominant 130 lb. wrestler in the Class A's, Adam Macdonald '99 struggled for a period in a half before being pinned long after expected. Deerfield's 135 matched up well with Jeremy Hersch '99 as the two tugged at each other for the match's first points. Patiently, Hersch took his man apart, and after three periods, he had amassed the necessary points for a major decision.

Middleweight superiority took the bout away from Deerfield, and key wins in the upper weights locked it up for good.

Max Sung '99 replaced the injured captain Moses Kagan '98 at 140 lbs. and won in his new weight class. After that Greg Chase '98 flirted with pinning for two periods before securing his patented cradle for a pin and six team points. Noah Kaye '99 eeked out a 6-5 win at 152, but the most exciting match followed when Andy Gossard '00, wrestling his first varsity match, did more than he'd been asked—he delighted his teammates and coach-



Captain Greg Chase '98 throws his opponent to the floor, before earning a pin with his characteristic move, the crossface cradle.

Photo / J. Mitche

es by not only staying off of his back at a higher weight class than he was accustomed to, but winning and stretching Andover's lead.

After two Deerfield pins, Andover answered with two falls of its own to close the match. The final match's pin, an emotional sticking by John Costantino '99, marked the new heavyweight's first varsity win.

Tilton

Tilton, who deserves a little credit for wrestling at all, placed only six wrestlers on the mat for their duel with Andover. Forfeiting every prior weight class, the visiting team first wrestled a 140 pounder and managed to fill

every weight class afterward through 189. Greg Chase nearly didn't wrestle due to severe illness and weakness. But the team's captain came up with a tremendous effort, pinning his man.

Worcester

The Worcester Academy team which Andover faced on Wednesday was by no means outstanding. Stripped of two of its best wrestlers by graduation, Worcester replaced those two with a new marquee pair, but didn't fill a solid lineup assembled to win dual meets. Two newcomers scored six a piece for Worcester, but most every other weight class was

yielded to Andover by way of pins.

Kwesi Christopher '99, long due for a varsity match at 103, pinned in the first period, as did Riehl, who hit a spectacular cross-leg terk at 119. McDonald, Hersch, and Gossard all recorded pins as well, but perhaps the most noteworthy pin came at 145 when Max Sung's opponent was knocked unconscious only to recover and be pinned.

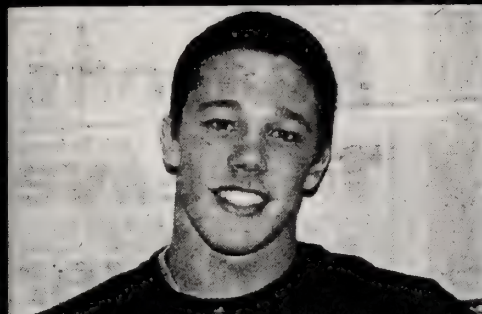
Unfazed by arrogance and big muscles, Eli Kagan lured the Worcester captain into precarious positions on his feet. Kagan matched the Worcester wrestler's strength with a combination of balance and patience, putting him to his back at the end of the second period.

Andover produced another exciting win, complete with a brutal double-leg takedown, and a first period pin, in the Heavyweight class. Costantino rose from bottom, faced his opponent, and dropped to two knees, falling on his man and covering him for six points.

The deceptive blowout of a mediocre team didn't disillusion Andover wrestlers or coaches.

"We did not wrestle well, but we wrestled well enough to win," said coach Rich Gorham. Andover visits Belmont Hill and Loomis-Chaffee, two strong ISL teams, this week, facing health problems throughout the team, and the challenge of improving vastly in the wake of a decisive victory.

Athlete Of The Week



Jeremy Hersch '99

"Jeremy has been one of the most consistent winners on our team, and he has impeccable timing. He gets the six points [for a pin] when we need it."

—Co-Captain Moses Kagan '98

by Kate MacMillan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Jeremy Hersch is invincible; or at least, his multitude of insurmountable feats give that impression. Most recently, Jeremy has helped the Varsity wrestling team off to a great 4-2 start while accumulating a perfect 6-0 personal record in matches in the 135-pound weight class.

In addition to these accomplishments, he has already tallied an incredible three pins (holding an opponent's shoulders down to the mat for two seconds) in matches against tough New England opponents Wilbraham & Munson, Hyde, and Worcester Academy. With such an impressive showing so early in the season, it looks as though Jeremy might even be able to improve upon his spectacular performance last year, when he was ranked #5 in New England and placed second in his weight class at Interschols. Perhaps what is most amazing about Jeremy's wrestling, however, is the fact that he has only been doing it since eighth grade, although, as seems to be his style, he managed to be ranked #2 in New England even then.

Born and raised in New York City, Jeremy began attending the Buckley School in kindergarten. He describes this all-boys private school in the city as "both very athletic and very academic," and feels that it prepared him well for all the challenges he has faced

at Andover. It was at Buckley, in the fifth grade, that he began his illustrious football career. Jeremy has loved football since he was a little boy, and he credits his father and his older brother for instilling such a love for the game in him. When he was in the eighth grade, Jeremy began to wrestle. Using his natural athleticism, he was able to pick up the sport quite quickly and, as aforementioned, was ranked the #2 junior wrestler in New England. While continuing to dominate in the ninth grade, Jeremy truly made his mark by becoming one of the all-time winningest wrestlers in junior New England history.

When ninth grade came to a close, it was time for Jeremy to choose a high school. He knew he wanted to attend a boarding school, for, in his opinion, he felt that a boarding school could offer him the most in terms of academics; athletic facilities, and overall quality of life. Jeremy considered Andover, Groton, Hotchkiss, and St. Paul's, and, after visiting each of them, fell in love with PA.

He says, "When I came to do the campus re-visit, it was just so friendly. There wasn't any school in New York that could compare to the overall atmosphere that I found here."

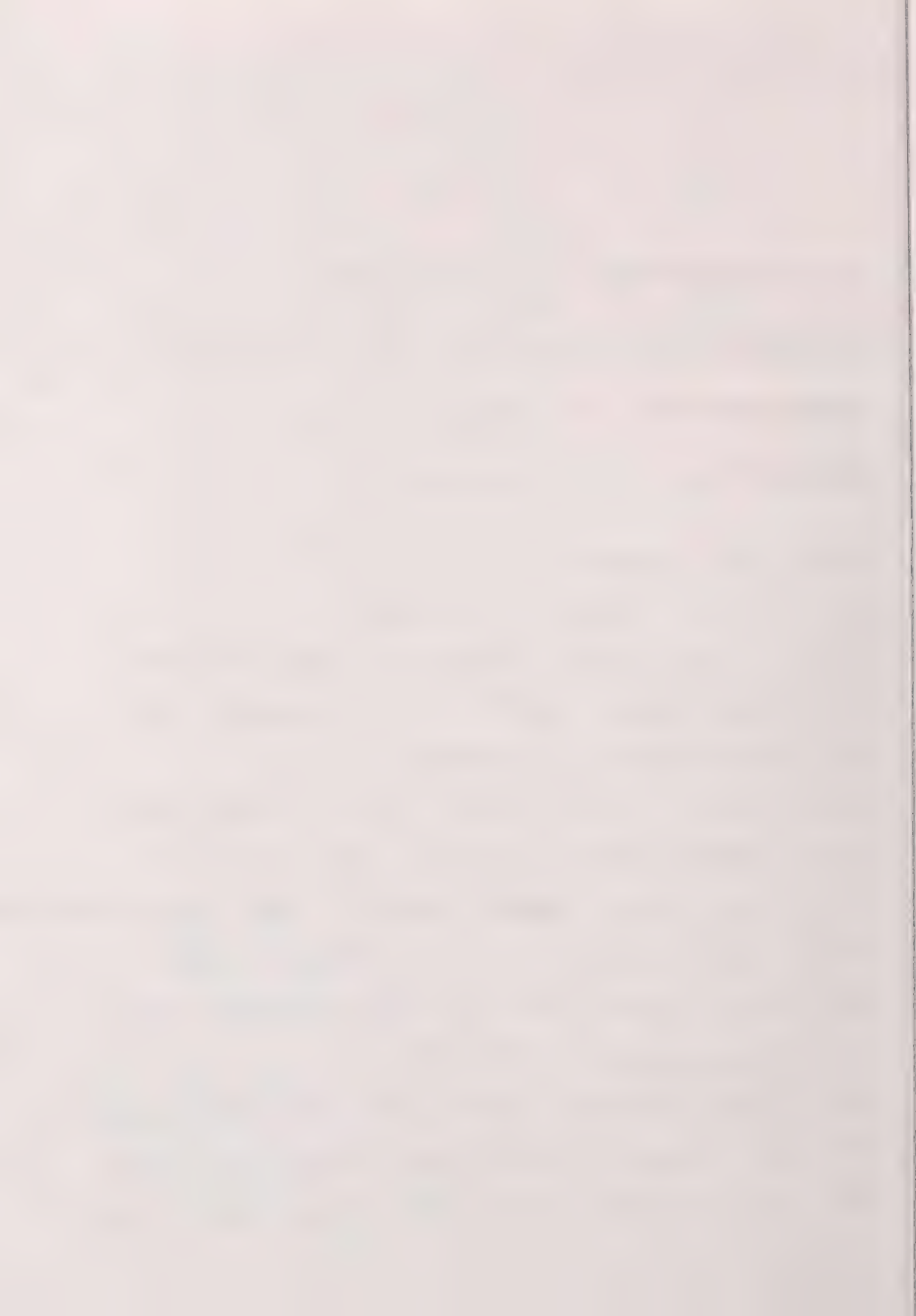
Arriving as a new lower last year, Jeremy made quite a smooth transition. He first came to campus for Varsity football tryouts, and immediately made friends and adjusted to PA life. Jeremy earned a starting cornerback

spot on the squad and has done nothing but contribute to the team ever since, as evidenced by his integral role in the team's New England championship this season. Jeremy, of course, also made his mark on the wrestling mats, where he compiled 27-5 record and earned high New England rankings.

Aside from athletics, Jeremy is also strong in many other areas. He finds that Buckley prepared him well academically, and is an honor roll student. He is also a peer tutor in both physics and math, a tour guide for the Ambassador's Club, and a member of just about every singing group on campus, including the Chorus, Cantata, Gospel Choir, and In-Skip.

After learning about Jeremy Hersch, it would almost seem that he has the golden touch. However he owes his successes to the love and support of many people in his life including his mother, father and brother; his former coach at Buckley; Coach Mo for football; Coaches Gannon and Gorham for wrestling; and all of the captains and teammates who he has had the privilege to work with.

Jeremy, being an upper, has no college plans as of yet, but maintains that he would love to "keep up with sports; if not competitively, than just for the pure joy that they bring". If his lofty accomplishments thus far are any indication, there is no telling what can slow down Jeremy Hersch's relentless pursuit of excellence.



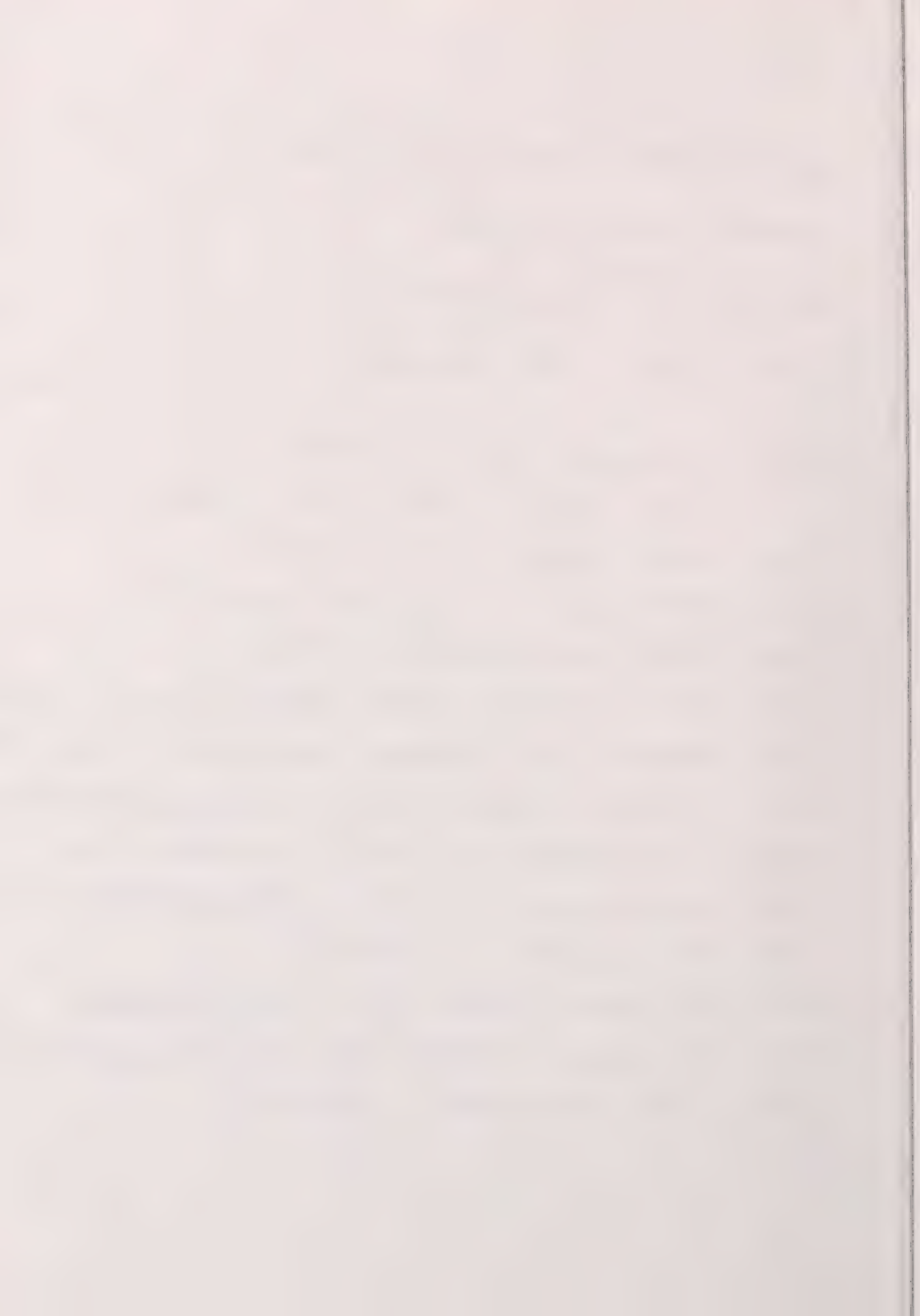
DATE OF CONTEST: January 24, 1998

OPPONENT: Loomis Chaffee

WHERE PLAYED: at Belmont Hill

RESULT: 55 - 20 Andover

- 103 A. Kozmin (LC) - Forfeit
- 112 Adam Jonas WBF 1:20 M. Baron (LC)
- 119 Sean Murphy - Forfeit
- 125 Matt Kish 11-0 R. Pinney (LC)
- 130 Adam MacDonald - Forfeit
- 135 Jeremy Hersch WBF 2:48 W. Heron (LC)
- 140 Moses Kagan (captain) WBF 2:50 P. Silva (LC)
- 145 J. Oppenheimer (LC) 6-0 Greg Chase (Capt.)
- 152 J. Stanislaus (LC) WTF 16-1 Max Song
- 160 Noah Kaye 10-3 C. Tilghman-Osborne (LC)
- 171 Kam Lasater - Forfeit
- 189 J.B. Kim WBF 2:16 John Dempsey
- 215 Eli Kagan WBD (Default) J. Sugarman (LC)
- 275 John Costantino - Forfeit



DATE OF CONTEST: January 24, 1998

OPPONENT: New Hampton

WHERE PLAYED: at Belmont Hill

RESULT: 62 - 12 Andover

- 103 No Contest
- 112 Adam Jonas - Forfeit
- 119 J. Shun (NH) WBF 3:04 Sean Murphy $\frac{3}{2}$
- 125 Matt Riehl WBF 0:41 K. Akacem (NH)
- 130 Matt Kish - Forfeit
- 135 Justin Pytka WBF 2:34 S. Wang (NH)
- 140 Moses Kagan (Captain). - Forfeit
- 145 Greg Chase (Captain) WBF 0:52 G Padilha (N.
- 152 Andy Gossard 17-16 Schmidt (NH)
- 160 Noah Kaye WTF 16-0 V. Batza (NH)
- 171 Kam Lasater - Forfeit
- 189 John Dempsey WBF 2:39 S. Heaney (NH)
- 215 Eli Kagan WBF 0:40 M. Ai-Ayar (NH)
- 275 K. Lee (NH) WBF 1:12 John Costantino

Wrestling Pulls Out Three of Four Contests, Toppling Tough Belmont Hill Squad 44-28

by Noah Kaye
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On Wednesday, being blown out by a sound, but by no means spectacular, North Andover High School team taught the gloating wrestlers that defeat can taste like a lack of toughness.

Belmont Hill

The rubber match of the afternoon

Devastating loss to North Andover derails the Big Blue's momentum after sweeping vital quad-meet on Saturday against Belmont Hill, Loomis-Chaffee and New Hampton

featured Andover and Belmont Hill. Alone, with Loomis and New Hampton finished and gone, two teams squared off whose hatred for each other is rooted in past years. Not only is Belmont Hill an ISL school, traditionally Class A killers, but it is also a school which beat Andover by 504 points in each of the last two years.

Forced to forfeit 103, Andover was relieved to receive six points from Adam Jonas who pinned his man just one second before a period's ending buzzer negated his effort. In a see-saw battle at 125, Matt Kish '99 pulled out another inspiring victory. His tenacious turning and rolling from the bottom position overcame a weary opponent in the third period.

Adam MacDonald '99 wrestled superbly with precarious leg-riding and unorthodox bottom moves. He scored a 7-4 win, setting the table for

another middle-weight run which wasn't so glamorous, but secured the win.

A technical fall by Hersch and a resounding pin by Moses Kagan preceded two bouts in which Andover, though missing execution of techniques, scrapped for minimized losses.

Greg Chase dropped another heartbreaker, losing to the Belmont Hill captain, 3-0. Once again quick on his feet, Chase could defend, but couldn't muster an offense from the standing position.

In another bout with a New England medalist, Max Sung escaped a pinned fate, wrestling well enough to rouse the latter portion of the Andover lineup which came away with three pins to secure victory.

Loomis-Chaffee

Notoriously undermanned, but nonetheless a team of excellent indi-

vidual wrestlers. Loomis brought a solid lineup led by New England's number two 135 pounder of last year, now at 152, to a quad-meet hosted by Belmont Hill.

Loomis forfeited the weight classes of 119, 130, 171, and 275, while Andover eased their pain by forfeiting 103. The pins recorded by Adam Jonas '00 and Jeremy Hersch '99, along with Matt Kish's '99 11-0 major decision accounted for a comfortable early lead. But Loomis' best were yet to come.

After Captain Moses Kagan's '98 win at 140 lbs, Captain Greg Chase '98 met a difficult match. The 145 bout that ensued consisted of very little scoring before the final seconds. Chase refused to be taken down, cross-facing and sprawling on his opponent vigorously whenever he broke their eternal tie-up to shoot on the legs. Though notched at 0-0 entering the third period, the final score was 6-0 after Chase's hold was broken in an attempt to turn his opponent with—surprise—the crossface cradle.

Max Sung '99 faced Loomis' Stanislaus, the second place finisher in last year's New England Tournament. By relentlessly fending off powerful leg-riding maneuvers, Sung escaped being pinned by this goliath.

In the duels final match, Eli Kagan '99 wrestled a powerful opponent for two periods, before the Loomis wrestler stormed off the mat in disgust with his injured ankle, defaulting the bout to Andover for poor sportmanship.

New Hampton

New Hampton arrived at the meet late, and it might have been better had they not shown up at all. Having lost most of their decent wrestlers to graduation, as well as their mammoth 189 pounder who dropped out, New Hampton took its licks from Andover, winning only two matches.

Wrestling his first varsity match, Justin Pytko '00 made it a memorable one. Subbing for Hersch, Pytko pinned his man just seconds into the second period. John Dempsey '99 pinned at 189, and Eli Kagan recorded six again.

North Andover

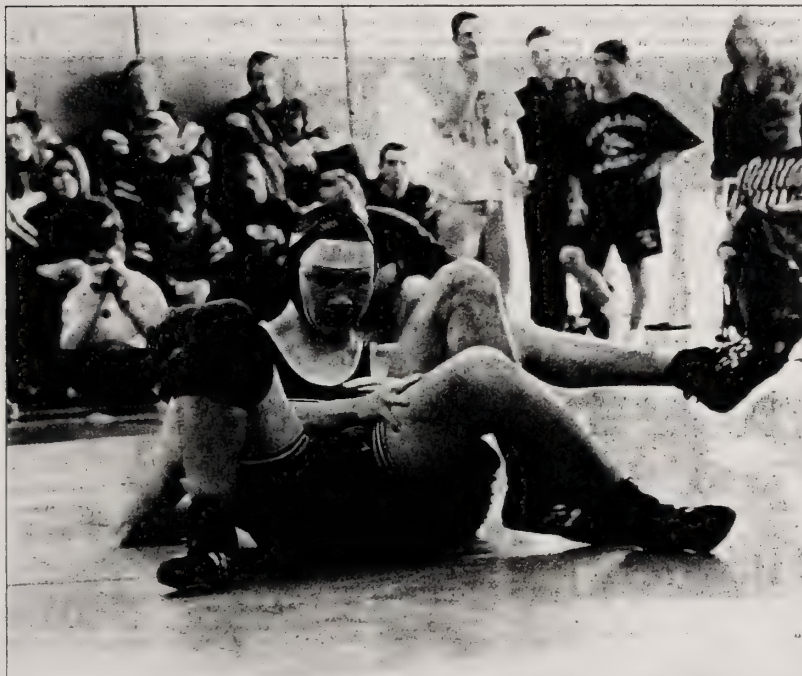
The defeat on Wednesday was not the hopeful "tune-up" Andover needed before the crucial Northfield Mt. Hermon match. Instead, it was a demoralizing loss. Though Kwesi Christopher '99 won the opening match at 103, the tempo of the match was set by North Andover early on when Adam Jonas, leading comfortably, was cradled and pinned. North Andover put Andover wrestler's faces into the mat and kept them there.

"They weren't so much better," said Coach Gorum, "they just wrestled tougher and sharper and made you guys want to get the match over with."

With Hersch injured, the North Andover captain, a 135 pounder himself, sat out. North Andover also didn't send out their injured, but outstanding 152, and bumped up their 160 to 171. Regardless of these strategic quirks, the North Andover lineup pumpled the Andover lineup from top to bottom.

Two narrow victories by the Kagan brothers ameliorated the agony of the loss. Moses adjusted his wrestling to combat a deceptively skilled takedown specialist and Eli use grit and a hard sprawl to defeat his man by one point.

What will be the psychological result of this devastating defeat? The loss' implications could be dire. But the North Andover match revealed something about the Andover wrestling team: it lacks toughness and



Max Sung '99 recently lost his match to one of the premier wrestlers in New England, Loomis's Photo / J. Mitchell Stanislaus, but has come up big for the entire season in his newly assumed leadership position on varsity.

Andover vs. Belmont Hill

Class	Wrstr	Result
103	—	L- Forfeit
112	Jonas	W- Pin
119	Murphy	L- Pin
125	Kish	W- Pin
130	McDonald	W- 7-4
135	Hersch	W- 16-0
140	M. Kagan	W- Pin
145	Chase	L- 0-3
152	Sung	L- 0-8
160	Kaye	W- Pin
171	Lasater	L- Pin
189	Dempsey	L- 0-7
215	E. Kagan	W- Pin
275	Costantino	W- Pin

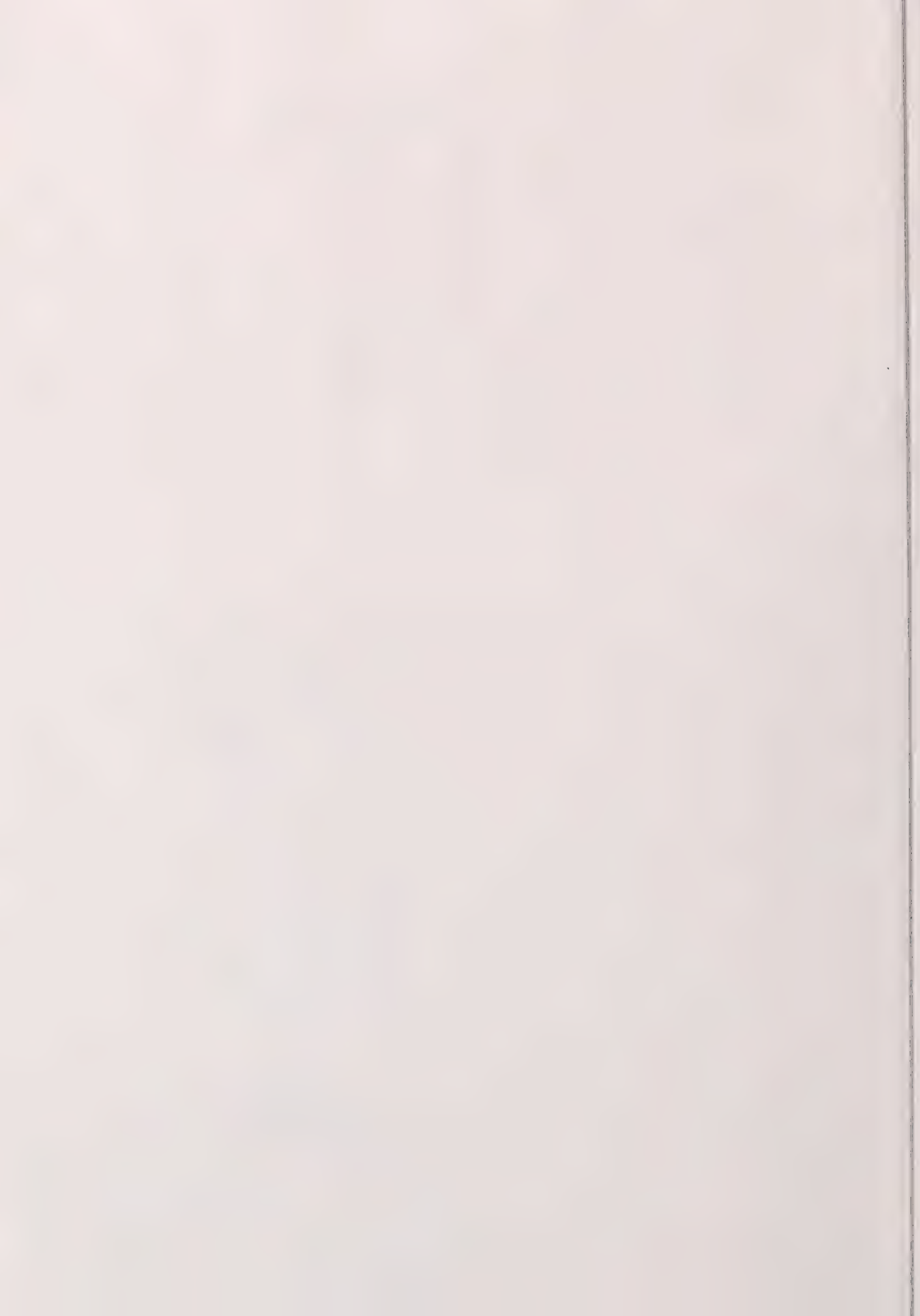
Andover vs. New Hampton

Class	Wrstr	Result
103	—	—
112	Jonas	W- Forfeit
119	Murphy	L- Pin
125	Riehl	W- Pin
130	Kish	W- Forfeit
135	Pytko	W- Pin
140	M. Kagan	W- Forfeit
145	Chase	W- Pin
152	Gossard	W- 17-16
160	Kaye	W- 16-0
171	Lasater	W- Forfeit
189	Dempsey	W- Pin
215	E. Kagan	W- Pin
275	Costantino	L- Pin

Andover vs. Loomis

Class	Wrstr	Result
103	—	L- Forfeit
112	Jonas	W- Pin
119	Murphy	W- Forfeit
125	Kish	W- 11-0
130	McDonald	W- Forfeit
135	Hersch	W- Pin
140	M. Kagan	W- Pin
145	Chase	L- 0-6
152	Sung	L- 1-16
160	Kaye	W- 10-3
171	Lasater	W- Forfeit
189	Dempsey	L- Pin
215	E. Kagan	W- Def.
275	Costantino	W- Forfeit

class A champion



DATE OF CONTEST: January 28, 1998

OPPONENT: North Andover High School

WHERE PLAYED: at North Andover

RESULT: 52 - 16 N. Andover

- 103 Kwesi Christopher 16-6 D. Preciado (NA)
- 112 J. Laculla WBF 4:19 Adam Jonas
- 119 S. Ratcliffe (NA) WBF 3:50 Matt Riehl
- 125 R. Hernandez (NA) WBF 1:46 Adam MacDonald
- 130 M. Perry (NA) 10-2 Matt Kish
- 135 S. Daley (NA) WBF 2:21 Justin Pytka
- 140 Moses Kagan (Captain) 11-4 E. Fernandez (NA)
- 145 G. Ameen (NA) 6-0 Greg Chase (Captain)
- 152 Delmatto (NA) 5-3 Max Song
- 160 Noah Kaye WBF 1:56 Cone (NA)
- 171 A. Brien (NA) WBF 4:13 Kam Lasater
- 189 M. Raposo (NA) WBF 1:59 John Dempsey
- 215 Eli Kagan 3 3-2 E. Rae (NA)
- 275 E. Sampson WBF 0:53 John Costantino

DATE OF CONTEST: January 30, 1998

OPPONENT: Northfield Mount Hermon

WHERE PLAYED: at NMH

RESULTS: 44 - 19 NMH

- 103 J. Ingarta (NMH) WBF 2:26 Kwesi Christopher
- 112 Adam Jonas 8 - 4 A. DiPerna (NMH)
- 119 A. Mollahan (NMH) WBF 2:35 Matt Riehl
- 125 J. Tarantino (NMH) 14-10 Matt Kish
- 130 J. Singer (NMH) WBF 2:30 Adam MacDonald
- 135 Jeremy Hersch 9 - 1 M. Winterer (NMH)
- 140 C. Escobar (NMH) 4-3 Moses Kagan (Captain)
- 145 Greg Chase (Captain) 7-6 A. Chastain-Chapman (NMH)
- 152 John Meyers WBF 3:51 R. Kim (NMH)
- 160 Noah Kaye 3 - 2 A. Davis (NMH)
- 171 H. Palazzo (NMH) WBF 1:12 Kam Lasater
- 189 C. McConchie (NMH) 12 - 3 John Dempsey
- 215 A. Jackson (NMH) 10-0 Eli Kagan
- 275 N. Head (NMH) WBF 1:59 John Costantino

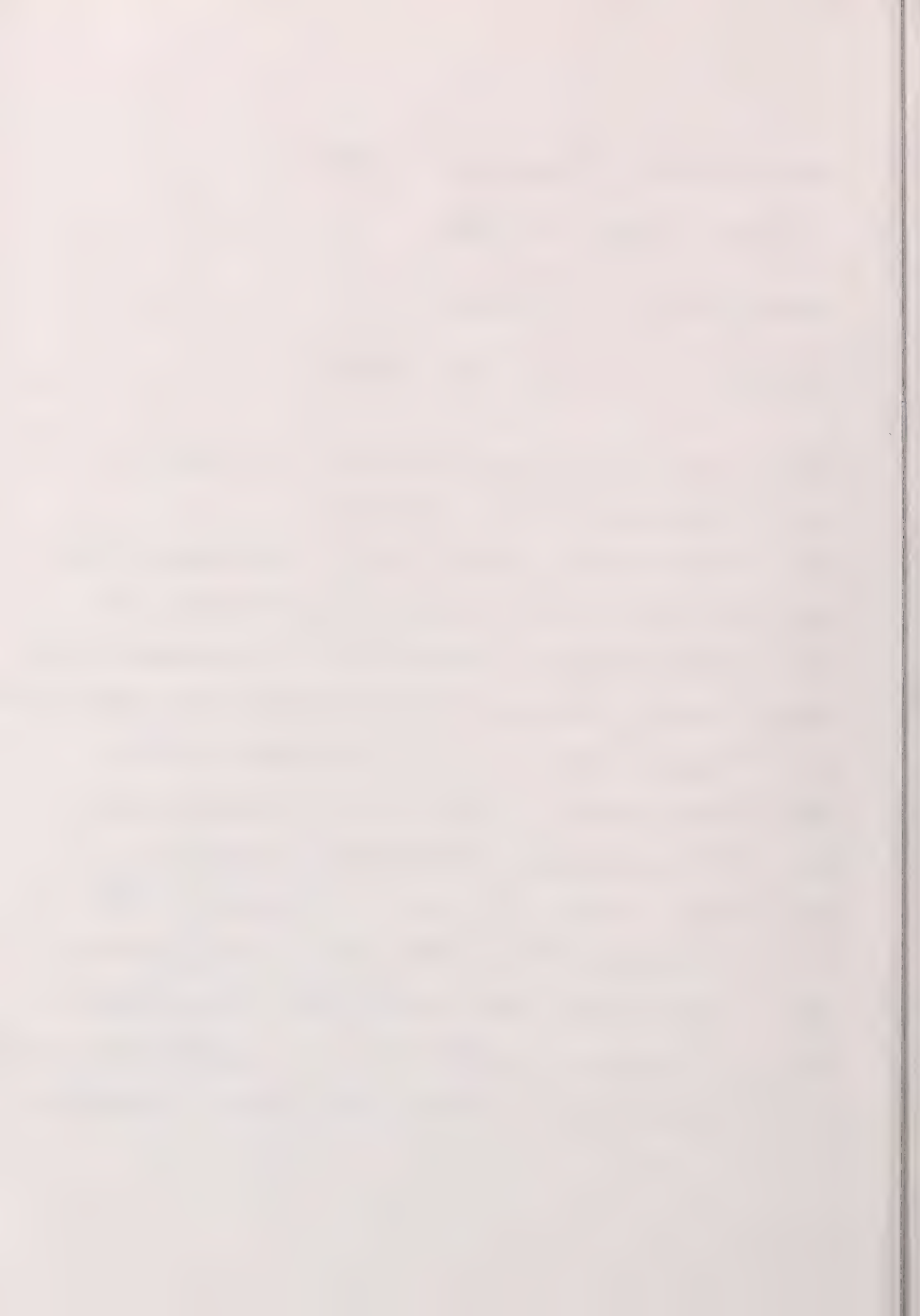
DATE OF CONTEST: February 4, 1998

OPPONENT: Tabor Academy

WHERE PLAYED: at Andover

RESULT: 47 - 30 Andover

- 103 Kwesi Christopher WBF 3:14 D. Lipshutz (TA)
- 112 S. Weaver (TA) - Forfeit
- 119 Matt Riehl WTF (15-0) C. Carron (TA)
- 125 Matt Kish WTF (18-1) J. Coffman (TA)
- 130 Justin Pytka WBF 2:36 P. Levesque (TA)
- 135 Jeremy Hersch WBF 0:46 P. Hunsaker (TA)
- 140 Moses Kagan 6 - 4 D. Rosario (TA)
- 145 Greg Chase WBF 1:09 T. Loutrel (TA)
- 152 T. Pennypacker WBD (INT) Max Song
- 160. Noah Kage 13 - 0 R. Andreoli (TA)
- 171 M. Hutson (TA) WBF 1:51 Kam Lasater
- 189 T. Friedman (TA) WBF 3:40 John Dempsey
- 215 Eli Kagan WBF 3:53 J. Vonschwarz (TA)
- 275 S. Duet (TA) WBF 0:57 John Costantino



DATE OF CONTEST: February 4, 1998

OPPONENT: Buckingham, Browne & Nichols

WHERE PLAYED: at Andover

RESULT: 59 - 12 Andover

- 103 Kwesi Christopher 6-3 N. Zigelbaum (BB+N)
- 112 Kolb (BB+N) - Forfeit
- 119 Matt Riehl WTF (22-7) J. Friedman (BB+N)
- 125 Matt Kish 11-7 R. Ryan (BB+N)
- 130 B. Keating (BB+N) WBF 5:42 Justin Pytka
- 135 Jeremy Hersch WBF 0:24 R. McMammon (BB+N)
- 140 Moses Kagan (captain) WBF 1:44 N. Jacks (BB+N)
- 145 Greg Chase (captain) - Forfeit
- 152 John Meyers - Forfeit
- 160 Alan Lue 9-2 J. Elswit (BB+N)
- 171 Noah Kaye - Forfeit
- 189 John Dempsey WBF 3:20 C. Sommerfield (BB+N)
- 215 Eli Kagan 5-3 H. Pierre (BB+N)
- 275 John Costantino - Forfeit



NMH Overpowers Wrestlers

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The results of the wrestling team's competitions this week were expectable as they won one match and lost another. By losing to NMH and beating Tabor, Andover couldn't have surprised many. Wrestling consistently and intensely, the Andover wrestlers are at the heart of their schedule.

NMH

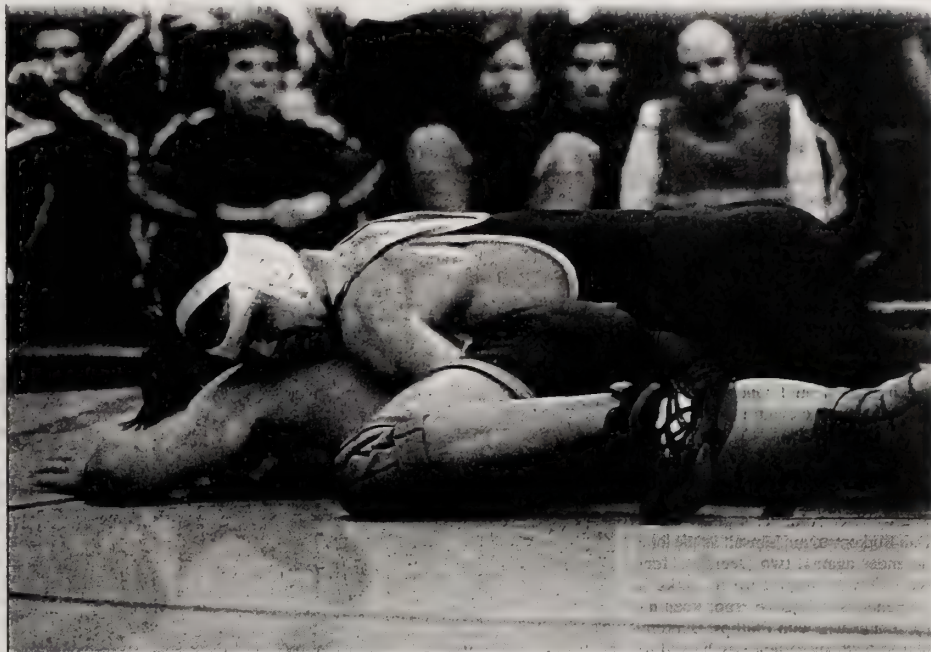
Theatrical introductions, "Rocky music," and a strobe light, were all present at the Northfield-Mount Hermon duel which featured gritty Andover wrestling, a flawless NMH Hogger's lineup, and in addition, some ridiculous frills. N.M.H. returned few starters from their Class A championship team of a year ago, but utilized the reloading strategy. From top to bottom, they filled their lineup with reputable newcomers. The Andover wrestling team took to the road Friday night and met N.M.H. face to face. The Hogger's team which is a favorite to win the Class A tournament found troubling opposition at a few weight classes.

Arguably the best 103, 119, and 171 pounders in New England, N.M.H.'s three superstars, did in fact have to exert themselves to pin Andover wrestlers who never stopped fighting. Only Jeremy Hersch '99 and Adam Jonas '00 picked up wins for Andover in the early going. Jonas, though placing his 112 pound opponent on his back in the first thirty seconds, failed to come away with a six-point pickup, while pinning also eluded Hersch at 135. Hersch, though, did score a major decision 9-1.

Andover's middle weight winning run was nearly energized again. After Hersch's win, wins at 145, 152, and 160, quieted the rowdy NMH evening crowd. Captain Moses Kagan '98 never lost his concentration on his feet. His opponent, a take-down specializing post-graduate, couldn't finish his shots with Kagan twisting and turning away. But Kagan could not maintain riding control and lost 4-3 in an intensely contested match.

Another extremely close match followed. This time, Captain Greg Chase '98 took a one point victory for Andover, 7-6. Though he was able to cradle his opponent for three points, Chase lost riding control. On bottom, with 5 seconds left, Chase stood, cleared his hips, and reversed with a switch for two points as time expired for an exciting victory.

In an impressive fashion, John



One of only four Andover winners against NMH, Noah Kaye dominated his match on Wednesday by the score of 13-0.

Photo/J. Mitchell

Myers '99 pinned in his first varsity match. Noah Kaye '99 followed with a narrow victory at 160 to close Andover's scoring total for the night.

Tabor

Like NMH, Tabor is a Class A school and every Class A match takes on a heightened importance as the season progresses and the league tourney looms ahead. Seedings for the post-season will soon be determined.

No one could complain that the lightweight portion of the Andover lineup didn't do its job on Wednesday. Three pins and two technical falls in the first six weight classes gave Andover a comfortable lead.

Matt Riehl '99 executed a stellar

hip throw among countless other maneuvers in his 15-0 triumph. Riehl dismantled his opponent by running a tight bar arm on top for a majority of the match.

Moses Kagan found himself down by two points early before he woke up. Switching out on bottom, Moses knotted the score at 2-2. Though his opponent was able to take him down again, the Andover captain could not be held down. He reversed and won 6-4 as Andover pulled away to a 47-30 victory.

BB&N

Fatigued and injured, Buckingham Brown and Nichols conceded five weight classes. They did begin the

match though, by sending a 103 pounder on the mat who proved to be a formidable opponent for Kwesi Christopher '99. Down by two in the final period, Christopher's toughness came into question. He prevailed, rising off of his stomach, to his knees, and on to his feet.

Riehl picked up another technical fall by using the Peterson Roll multiple times in scoring 22 points. At 160, Allen Lue won his first varsity match of the year using the cradle maneuver.

Moses Brown, New Hampton, and Milton all visit Andover on Saturday. The team looks ahead to a long day and two class A duels at the end of the week, and hopefully the boys will pull off two wins.

Andover vs. NMH

Class	Wrstr	Result
103	Christophr	L- Pin
112	Jonas	W- 8-4
119	Riehl	L- Pin
125	Kish	L- 10-14
130	McDonald	L- Pin
135	Hersch	W- 9-1
140	M. Kagan	L- 3-4
145	Chase	W- 7-6
152	Myers	W- Pin
160	Kaye	W- 3-2
171	Lasater	L- Pin
189	Dempsey	L- 3-12
215	E. Kagan	L- 0-10
275	Costantino	L- Pin

Andover vs. Tabor

Class	Wrstr	Result
103	Christophr	W- Pin
112	-	L- Forfeit
119	Riehl	W- 15-0
125	Kish	W- 18-1
130	Pytko	W- Pin
135	Hersch	W- Pin
140	M. Kagan	W- 6-4
145	Chase	W- Pin
152	Sung	L- Inj
160	Kaye	W- 13-0
171	Lasater	L- Pin
189	Dempsey	L- Pin
215	E. Kagan	W- Pin
275	Costantino	L- Pin

Andover vs. BB&N

Class	Wrstr	Result
103	Christophr	W- 6-3
112	-	L- Forfeit
119	Riehl	W- 22-7
125	Kish	W- 11-7
130	Pytko	L- Pin
135	Hersch	W- Pin
140	M. Kagan	W- Pin
145	Chase	W- Forfeit
152	Myers	W- Forfeit
160	Lue	W- 9-2
171	Kaye	W- Forfeit
189	Dempsey	W- Pin
215	E. Kagan	W- 5-3
275	Costantino	W- Forfeit

DATE OF CONTEST: February 7, 1998

OPPONENT: Moses Brown

WHERE PLAYED: at Andover

RESULT: 44 - 35 Moses Brown

- 103 E. Akerstein (MB) 15-5 Kwesi Christopher
- 112 S. Weitberg (MB) - Forfeit
- 119 Lurran (MB) 19-10 Sean Murphy
- 125 Matt Kish - Forfeit
- 130 W. Barnard (MB) WBF 2:34 Adam MacDonald
- 135 Jeremy Hersch WBF 3:07 ~~Ad~~ A. Silver
- 140 Moses Kagan (captain) WBF ^{0:26} ~~2:26~~ N. Breindel
- 145 Greg Chase (captain) - Forfeit
- 152 W. Park (MB) WBF 1:13 Andy Gossard
- 160 Noah Kaye - Forfeit
- 171 W. Cerilli (MB) WBF 1:22 Kam Lasater
- 189 J. Richardson (MB) WBF 3:51 John Dempsey
- 215 Eli Kagan - Forfeit
- 275 D. MacMillan WBF 0:51 John Costantino

DATE OF CONTEST: February 7, 1998

OPONENT: Milton Academy

WHERE PLAYED: at Andover

RESULT: 43-36 Andover

103 Kwesi Christopher 6-2 H. Ortiz (MA)

112 K. Lee (MA) - Forfeit

119 A. Lee (MA) WBF 2:49 Matt Riehl

125 B. Seff (MA) WBF 0:34 Adam MacDonald

130 Justin Pytka WBF 1:32 M. Nguyen (MA)

135 Jeremy Hersch - Forfeit

140 Moses Kagan (Captain) WBF 3:52. A. Sigourney (MA)

145 Greg Chase (Captain) 12 - 2 M. Haidas (MA)

152 C. Dugger (MA) WBF 5:39 John Meyers

160 Noah Kaye WBF 3:55 L. Dugger (MA)

171 A. Pappus-Lefebvre (MA) WBF 1:24 Kam Lasater

189 John Dempsey WBF 2:38 B. Davis (MA)

215 Eli Kagan WBF 3:48 K. Chen (MA)

275 A. Houston (MA) WBF 1:15 John Costantino

DATE OF CONTEST: February 11, 1998

OPPONENT: Brooks School

WHERE PLAYED: at Andover

RESULT: 58 - 21 Andover

- 103 Kweisi Christopher WBF 0:16 E. Jones (BS)
- 112 Sean Murphy - Forfeit
- 119 N. Tangjaitong (BS) 10-8 Adam Jonas
- 125 Matt Kish WBF 4:16 C. Seifert (BS)
- 130 D. Pope (BS) WBF 1:32 Justin Pytka
- 135 Jeremy Hersch WBF 0:55 P. Michel (BS).
- 140 Moses Kagan (Captain) WBF 3:15 T. Ajose (BS)
- 145 Greg Chase (Captain) WBF 4:16 G. Pope (BS)
- 152 John Meyers ~~WBF~~ WBF 2:55 J. Staropoli (BS)
- 160 Noah Kaye WBF 1:11 H. Wheeler (BS)
- 171 O. DeCastro (BS) WBF 4:16 Kam Lasater
- 189 E. Shaughnessy (BS) WBF 5:10 John Dempsey
- 215 Eli Kagan 9 - 1 P. Chung (BS)
- 275 John Costantino - Forfeit



Pummeling of Brooks Highlights Wrestling's 3-1 Week; Andover Builds Momentum for Upcoming Exeter Meet

by Noah Kaye

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Andover defeated two teams from the Graves-Kelsey (ISL), Milton and Brooks, at home this week. In a surprising duel, Brooks, with an impressive 6-1 league record and a pre-season victory over PA, was pounded on Wednesday. Milton on the other hand, matched



Andover evenly last Saturday, losing the duel in its latter stages when Eli Kagan '99 and John Dempsey '99 scored key pins.

Generally, Graves-Kelsey bouts have given Andover wrestlers fits. In beating two of the rival league's solid squads, Andover established themselves as one of the Class A's strongest squads. Andover's 12-5 overall record looks good, but what's discouraging is that four of those losses have come at the hands of Class A schools. Andover simply hasn't performed against league opponents. Take Moses Brown as an example. Though only sending out nine wrestlers due to a team sickness, Moses Brown was still able to "take seven bouts from Andover. The 45-35 league loss was devastating, but it inspired a 63-12 thrashing of New Hampton. Nobody expected New Hampton to put up a fight against Andover so the lofty score came as "merely a bonus.

Milton

Justin Pytka '00, wrestling on the varsity team with very little experience, helped Andover's cause with a first period pin at the 130 weight class. That might have precluded another quick pin by Jeremy Hersch '99 had the Milton coach not ducked the Andover 135 by bumping his man to 140. The strategy backfired. Moses Kagan, the 140-pound captain who has turned in some of his best performances lately, wore down the Milton wrestler, pinning him at the end of two.

"Mo Kagan is wrestling his best of the season. He's really hitting his peak," said Coach Rich Gorham after a slew of Kagan victories. Dempsey and Eli Kagan, at 189 and 215, respectively, saved the match with a combined twelve team points. But it was Dempsey's dramatic pin which excited the crowd. Though Dempsey had fought to stay on his stomach for much of the match, he caught his opponents draped head and cradled him. The Milton wrestler kicked furiously before letting his shoulders touch, and the Andover bench erupted.



Mo Kagan '98 made a strong statement on Wednesday, dominating one of the premier ISL wrestlers. Photo/J. Mitchell

Andover vs. Milton		
Class	Wrstlr	Result
103	Christophr	W- 6-2
112	--	L- Forfeit
119	Riehl	L- Pin
125	McDonald	L- Pin
130	Pytka	W- Pin
135	Hersch	W- Forfeit
140	M. Kagan	W- Pin
145	Chase	W- 12-2
152	Myers	L- Pin
160	Kaye	W- Pin
171	Lasater	L- Pin
189	Dempsey	W- Pin
215	E. Kagan	W- Pin
275	Costantino	L- Pin

Andover vs. Moses Brown		
Class	Wrstlr	Result
103	Christophr	L- 15-5
112	--	L- Forfeit
119	Murphy	L- 19-10
125	Kish	W- Forfeit
130	McDonald	L- Pin
135	Hersch	W- Pin
140	M. Kagan	W- Pin
145	Chase	W- Forfeit
152	Gossard	L- Pin
160	Kaye	W- Forfeit
171	Lasater	L- Pin
189	Dempsey	L- Pin
215	E. Kagan	W- Forfeit
275	Costantino	L- Pin

Moses Brown

The disappointing loss began with a defeat at 103 where Kwesl Christopher '99 lost a major decision, 15-5. Hersch and Kagan each scored falls, but those were the only victories for Andover. "We wrestled flat," said Coach Gorham, "with the exception of an inspired effort by Sean Murphy '00 against the number three wrestler in the league."

Murphy's wild bout ended 19-10, but not before he revealed to the Andover wrestling team an incredible resilience.

New Hampton

For the second time this season, Andover faced New Hampton. Take two was no prettier. But New Hampton did have the services of their 130 pounder who is ranked number one in the Class A's. He was bumped up to face Hersch, presenting an exciting test for Andover's undefeated 135.

Hersch shot first and might have scored had his grip on the leg not slipped, allowing his opponent to lock up an excruciatingly painful headlock. Put to his back at the mat's edge, Hersch's circulation was cut off, and he might have passed out. Luckily, Coach Gorham, unlike the negligent referee, noticed Hersch's condition. For the sake of Jeremy's health, Gorham

defaulted the match rather than see his wrestler choked out.

Brooks

The matchup that resulted in a win for Brooks in November turned in to a blowout when Andover wrestlers recorded five straight falls from 135 to 160. Adam Jonas '00, the team's 119, was taken down three times by his opponent before he himself finally scored a takedown. Quick on bottom, Jonas scored escapes, but couldn't manage a takedown until 30 seconds remained in his match. A defensive counter-attack gave him his two, but with only a few ticks on the clock, Jonas was overpowered, losing control for two points and the match.

Moses Kagan wrestled brilliantly against one of Brooks' reputable stars. Kagan was patient and poised on his feet, finishing the first period in a 0-0 tie. Lacking his opponent's muscular build, Kagan won his match with superior stratagem. When he sensed an opening for a risky head throw, Moses took it. The throw placed the muscle-bound Brooks wrestler on his back and ended the match.

Exeter, boasting an eleven year winning streak over Andover, remains as the only match left on the schedule. If a peaking Andover team can secure key victories and avoid detrimental pins, Exeter's streak could be broken.

Andover vs. New Hampton		
Class	Wrstlr	Result
103	--	--
112	Christophr	W- 15-10
119	Riehl	W- Pin
125	Kish	W- Pin
130	McDonald	W- Forfeit
135	Hersch	L- Default
140	M. Kagan	W- Pin
145	Chase	W- Forfeit
152	Myers	W- Pin
160	Gossard	W- Pin
171	Kaye	W- Pin
189	Lasater	W- Pin
215	E. Kagan	W- Pin
275	Costantino	L- Pin

Andover vs. Brooks		
Class	Wrstlr	Result
103	Christophr	W- Pin
112	Murphy	W- Forfeit
119	Jonas	L- 8-10
125	Kish	W- 8-4
130	Pytka	L- Pin
135	Hersch	W- Pin
140	M. Kagan	W- Pin
145	Chase	W- Pin
152	Myers	W- Pin
160	Kaye	W- Pin
171	Lasater	L- Pin
189	Dempsey	L- Pin
215	E. Kagan	W- 9-1
275	Costantino	W- Forfeit

DATE OF CONTEST: February 18, 1998

OPPONENT: Phillips Exeter Academy

WHERE PLAYED: at Exeter

RESULT: 32 - 25 Exeter

103 Kwesi Christopher 12-7 R. Lepine (PEA)

112 D. MacDougall (PEA) WTF 16-1 Sean Murphy

119 Adam Jonas 3-0 M. Russo (PEA)

125 E. Cantave (PEA) 8-2 Matt Kish

130 Justin Pytka WBF 5:24 S. Oh (PEA)

135 Jeremy Hersch WBF 1:05 J. Ku (PEA)

140 N. Cox (PEA) 8-6 OT Moses Kagan (Captain)

145 Greg Chase (Captain) 14-0 E. Chen (PEA)

152 T. Chew (PEA) 12-1 Max Sung

160 Noah Kaye 4-1 T. Ward (PEA)

171 B. Gelnett (PEA) 10-1 Kam Lasater

189 K. Erdmann (PEA) WBF 2:57 John Dempsey

215 J. Moore (PEA) 13-0 Eli Kagan

275 L. Kafka (PEA) 7-1 John Costantino



Wrestling Falls Short, Losing to Exeter for Fifteenth Straight Year

by Noah Kaye
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Exeter 32
Andover 25

There was 1989—the year Andover's highly-touted heavyweight was disqualified for biting. The disqualification broke a tie score,

leaving Andover empty-handed for the 15th straight year in the heated series. Even there was 1993—the year Andover ventured into the swamps of coastal New Hampshire with hopes of ending Exeter's nine-year winning streak only to be downed 72-0. Not since 1984, has a Phillips Andover wrestling team defeated Phillips Exeter, unofficially, the

longest dry spell of any team in any sport that participates in the age-old rivalry.

In the past three years, the Phillips Academy wrestling program has undergone a dramatic transformation without much support from the athletic/admissions office. The 1995 Andover team, as expected, was blown out by Exeter. Andover's most feared wrestler, senior Jerry Bramwell, a 160 pounder who went on to capture the Class A title, didn't even wrestle—he skipped the inevitable team defeat to rest his sore neck. Max Ventilla '98 wrestled in his place. A dauntless lower at the time, Ventilla wrestled passionately, continuing even when irreparable harm was inflicted upon his shoulder. Ventilla's wrestling career ended on that day as his shoulder gave out, but his sense of pride didn't leave

the Andover wrestling team. 1996 gave birth to an Andover team capable of competing with a somewhat injury-stricken Exeter team. P.A. took a substantial lead into the 160 pound match, but lost the final four bouts as a host of Exeter stars swept the match away.

So after 14 consecutive losses to Exeter, Andover finally got its long-awaited shot at the Big Red in 1997. On paper, an Andover win was more than conceivable. Some may even have gone so far as to dub a P.A. victory as likely, though the match was at Exeter and the home team would weigh in a more flexible lineup capable of disturbing Andover's match strategy.

Though he appeared lethargic in his 103 bout, when Kwesi Christopher '99 shot his head-on double-leg takedown, there was not stopping him.

Christopher staked Andover to an early three-point lead.

A great shot, this time Jeremy Hersch's '99 patented fireman's dump, gave Adam Jonas the necessary points to pull out a victory at 119. Jonas' patience on top during a second period in which no points were scored while he rode out his opponent paid off. Explosive on bottom, Jonas scored an escape in the third period before converting on a two-point takedown and securing the match.

It was a great day for first-year wrestlers on the varsity team. Justin Pytko '00, with a miraculous effort, pinned his astonished opponent. On paper, everyone had predicted a six point pick-up for Exeter at 130, but Pytko, though he was taken down in the first 15 seconds, turned his opponent late in the second and pinned.

This classic case of persistence and determination triumphing over skill and experience electrified the Andover bench whose call to Jeremy Hersch was answered with a first-period pin.

Captain Moses Kagan faced last year's second place finisher in the Class A's at 145. The Exeter wrestler went after Kagan immediately, scoring a takedown off of a single leg. But Kagan recovered. Hitting his switch to escape and riding efficiently, Andover's captain took a 5-3 lead in the third period. Now on bottom, Kagan's conceded a point for stalling and was subsequently allowed an escape as his opponent sought the two-point takedown required to send the match to overtime. The Exeter wrestler snapped Kagan's head down and took him down, knotting the score at 6-6. A fatigued Moses Kagan couldn't defend against his opponent's head snap in the extra period. Sprawled out and on his face, Kagan was controlled for two.

In the 145 lb. bout, co-captain Greg Chase '98 padded P.A.'s lead by scoring a major decision. That comfortable lead would slip away, but not before an impressive showing by the latter, unheralded section of the Andover lineup.

Kam Lasater '99, wrestled an extremely impressive match at 171. As a first year wrestler facing a post-graduate, Lasater did not back away. For six long minutes he fought ferociously.

To his delight, Eli Kagan '99 received the dubious honor of wrestling the Exeter captain, Jamie Moore. Moore bumped up from 189 to face Kagan at 215. Despite being perhaps the most talented wrestler in the Class A's, Moore wasn't able to stick a stubborn Kagan who dug his chin into the mat and waited his match out. It was a blow-out, but neither a technical fall or a pin.

For the second year in a row, the match came down to the heavyweight bout. And for the second year in a row, P.A. sent out a first-year wrestler to face a reputable Exeter foe. John Costantino '99 took the mat with the outcome of the duel yet undetermined. Few of Costantino's match's have gone past the first period, whether he has won or lost. But he preserved Andover's pride by refusing to be turned, and refusing to relent.

Nonetheless, the final score was fixed at 32-25. 15 straight losses to Exeter in the books. Though a disappointing loss, the 1998 Exeter match proved how very far the Andover wrestling program has progressed.



Jeremy Hersch '99, shown here, scored a big pin as Andover grabbed an early lead against Exeter only to let their foes rally back and beat them for the fifteenth consecutive year. Hersch is one of the Andover wrestlers that will be looking to place in Saturday's Interschols. Photo / M. Ventilla

by Kate McMillan

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Usually a person is named Athlete of the Week because one leads his or her team to an impressive victory; or perhaps because this person had a particularly strong showing in one of the week's contests. Mo Kagan has consistently done both of those things all season and, this past week, his performance on the wrestling mats made him the clear choice for Athlete of the Week.

Last weekend, the 12-6 varsity wrestling team traveled to Exeter to

compete in Class

A interschools. This

competition, which

contains the top sixteen teams

in the 64-team

New England

league, sends its

winners on to

compete at

Nationals and

New England's

Last weekend Mo

Kagan, seeded

second in the 140

pound weight

class, won the

Class A title for

that class. Mo,

whose personal

record this year

stands at an out-

standing 13-2, was

one of two

Andover wrestlers

to win his class at Interschols, Jeremy

Hersch, at 135, was the other. As co-

captain of this year's team, Mo has led

the squad to one of its best records in

years, and has contributed immensely

to the team's vast improvement each

season. For the past three years at

Andover, Mo has made great strides in

his wrestling, as evidenced by the

improvement of his personal record

season-by-season. However, the

rewards that he now reaps are the

result of years of hard work in

wrestling, which he began nearly ten

years ago.

Mo recalls that back at home in

Troy, New York, his grandfather

began to referee wrestling matches

between Mo and his younger brother

Eli '99, when he was in the third or

fourth grade. When Mo entered the

seventh grade at the Albany Academy

for Boys, a strict military school, he

was able, much to his delight, to join

his first team. He continued to wrestle

in eighth grade and, in ninth grade,

immediately joined the school's varsity

squad.

While he was certainly successful

in both the classroom and on the

wrestling mats at home, Mo was find-

ing that his school didn't offer enough

academically, especially in history,

which was his favorite course. In ninth

grade he was talking to Sarah Hendricks '98, a friend from his sister school who had switched to Andover.

According to Mo she made Andover sound terrific, and he began, much to his own surprise, looking into boarding schools. Mo only looked at two schools, Andover and Milton, because, after the experience of a military academy, he wanted absolutely no dress code whatsoever. As he describes it, after being accepted to both schools he arrived here at Andover for a revisit with the intent of visiting Milton afterwards on the same day. After spending time here, however, he didn't even

bother to look at Milton, for he knew this was the place for him. The next year, Mo matriculated as a new lower.

Although academically Mo made a fairly smooth transition, especially in history and English, he initially had a difficult time finding his place upon his arrival here Lower Fall. Most new students play a Fall sport, and thus are able to immediately meet new people and make new friends. Mo, on the other hand, did basics to prepare for the upcoming wrestling season, and seems to look back on such an experience with a bit of contrition. Regardless of that harrowing athletic experience, however, Mo persevered his way through until wrestling season, when everything began to fall into place. Mo made the varsity squad, and that year earned himself a 7-5 record. Last year, as an upper, Mo only lost two matches and placed fifth in his class at Interschols. At the end of the season he was chosen as a co-captain, and judging by the squad's improved placement at Interschols from years' past, it seemed that the team was "on its way up," as Mo puts it.

This season has most definitely been a good one for the wrestling team, and it couldn't have possibly been any better for Mo. Greg Chase says of his co-captain: "This has been

his best season by far; he accomplished everything he'd hoped for." In addition Chase calls him an "awesome team leader," and enthusiastically recalls Mo's amazing win at Interschols last weekend. It would seem that Mo was down 6 points to 5 against his Exeter opponent in the final match, which was taking place at Bxeter. Although time was running out in the see-saw match, Mo simply refused to lose, and instead "won by will" in the thrilling, come-from-behind victory. This win, along with another win earlier that day, avenged Mo's only two losses of the regular season, and Chase

says he has "a real good shot at New England's." Mo, Chase, Jeremy Hersch '99, Noah Kaye '99, Kwesi Christopher '99, Eli Kagan '99, and John Myers '99

will all be competing at New England's, which is being hosted here next weekend.

According to Mo, most of these proven wrestlers have a pretty good shot at placing in the massive tournament, and this would only add an extra boost to the already on-the-rise

Andover wrestling program. Since the team will graduate a fairly small number of seniors, prospects look incredibly good for future wrestling teams.

Unbelievably, Mo actually has time to dedicate himself to things other than wrestling. He is a member of the Jewish Student Union, Model UN, and served as an associate commentary editor for *The Phillipian*. He has also done "a little community service" and has been on the honor roll since upper year. Next year he will matriculate to Princeton University, where a continuation to his already-illustrious wrestling career surely awaits him.

In terms of acknowledgements, Mo cites a number of important people to which he feels he owes great thanks:

"First," he says, "my co-captain Greg Chase, who really deserves to be co-

athlete of the week, and secondly my coaches: Coaches Gorham, Effinger, Gannon, and especially Mr. Sung."

Mo Kagan has truly accomplished a lot during the course of his wrestling career, and in particular this season.

Although he surely does owe a great deal to those who have helped him throughout his career, it is he who has done nothing but steadily improve and work to fulfill his goals, and such enterprise most definitely deserves commendation.



Photo / M. Ventilla

Athlete Of The Week

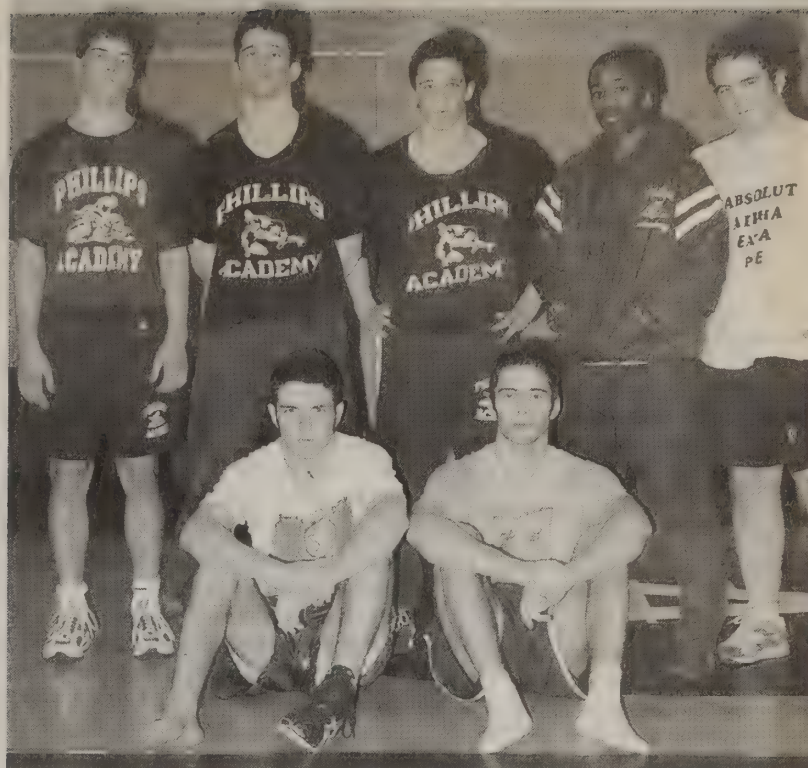
Moses Kagan '98

"This has been [Moses's] best season by far; he's accomplished everything he's hoped for."

—Co-captain Greg Chase

February 27, 1998

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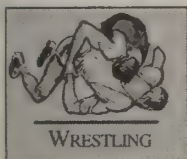


These seven Andover wrestlers will represent PA at the New England tournament hosted by PA.

Photo / E. Whitehead

Wrestling Hosts Tournament This Weekend

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Andover will host the New England Tournament this Friday and Saturday, for the first time in the tournament's

history, Andover will host over fifty schools in the New England Independent Schools Championships. Including independent schools from the Eastern League, Connecticut, Class A, and the Independent Schools League, the two-day tournament in the Cage features over two hundred-fifty wrestlers and consists of more than one thousand matches. Following last year's poor twenty-sixth place showing, the Blue and its seven-wrestler squad are looking for a strong showing to complement their fourth place finish at the Class A Tournament two weeks ago.

To compete in the New England

Tournament a wrestler must win two-thirds of his varsity matches or place in the top four at his league tournament. Andover has seven wrestlers qualified to wrestle in the tournament: Kwesi Christopher '99, Jeremy Hersch '99, Moses Kagan '98, Greg Chase '98, John Myers '99, Noah Kaye '99, and Eli Kagan '99. Mo Kagan and Hersch, in particular, are expected to have high seeds due to their first place finishes at the Class A Tournament.

Kwesi Christopher, after spending a few weeks wrestling JV at 112 pounds, was Andover's 103-pound wrestler throughout most of the season. The determined Christopher had an admirable 8-2 record and, against Brooks, put up a 16 second pin, Andover's second fastest of the season (beaten only by Hersch's 14 second pin). In addition to having the fastest pin on the team, Hersch has also put up the Andover's best record, 15-1, the only loss coming as the result of an injury default. In the wake of his amazing first place finish at the Class

A Tournament, Hersch is expected to do extremely well this weekend.

Team captains Mo Kagan and Greg Chase have been enormous contributors to this year's wrestling team. Aided by Coach Rich Gorham, they have provided the leadership that has brought the Blue to a 12-6 record, fourth place at the Class A Tournament, and high hopes going into this weekend. Kagan and Chase took first and second place, respectively, in their weight classes at Class A's, and are both looking forward to this weekend, their last high school wrestling.

John Myers, Noah Kaye, and Eli Kagan comprise the heavier weights of Andover's New England team. Myers, a first-year wrestler, initially wrestled JV, but he persevered and went on to put up a varsity record of 4-1 at 152 pounds, qualifying him for the tournament. Kaye, who has spent three years wrestling varsity at Andover, placed an impressive third at the Class A Tournament at 160 pounds. Kaye's low wrestling stance,

natural athleticism, and occasional Judo moves have placed him at the forefront of the team. Eli Kagan, Andover's 215-pound wrestler, has wrestled well all season, putting up an especially impressive performance against Exeter's captain two weeks ago.

With 64 teams allowed to participate in the New England Championships, there is no shortage of talent, but St. Paul's and NMH, in particular, are expected to do especially well this weekend. NMH has 13 wrestlers, nearly a full team, qualified to wrestle this weekend, and St. Paul's is hoping to repeat last year's first place finish. Nonetheless, the Blue is expected to do very well this weekend, with a strong squad consisting of seasoned wrestlers and tough newcomers. This year's New England Championships will doubtless be an exciting tournament, and Andover is looking forward to seeing some of their own winning the Saturday night championship matches in Borden Gym.

Wrestling Places Fourth in Tourney

by Eli Kagan
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Friday, varsity wrestling traveled the long two hours to Deerfield to compete in The Class A tourna-

ment. Despite having a below average tournament, The Blue took fourth, scoring over 140 team points. Roughly 50 points and five places higher than last year, Andover is on its way to becoming the program to beat in Class A Wrestling.

Winning the tournament was NMH, who Andover beat earlier in the season by a convincing score of 44-24. Taking second was Wilberham Munson. In third was Exeter, who Andover lost to by a single point, 34-33. Unlike the top three finishers, Andover is returning all but four of their varsity starters, assuring for an even better tournament finish in the 1997-98 season.

The double elimination tournament began Friday evening, with the first two rounds of competition. The Andover wrestlers dominated the opening round, receiving wins in all but one of the thirteen weight classes.

Disaster struck, however, in the second and final round of the evening, as all but three of the twelve first round winners, were eliminated from first and second place contention. After Friday night the only wrestlers remaining in the winners' bracket were, Adam Jonas '00, Nico Harlan '97, and Jeremy Hersch '99. At night's end, Andover was in fourth place, but their chances to win were dwindling.

At 152 pounds, Noah Kaye '99, one of the top wrestlers in the class, was favored to be in the finals. To Andover's dismay, however, he was beaten early by an unseeded Tilton wrestler, who was clearly inferior to Kaye. Leading in the first period, Kaye inadvertently pinned himself, while trying to turn over his opponent. Despite the loss Kaye fought back, and with pure determination, worked his way back into medal contention. He wouldn't lose again all day. Wrestling like he had all season, Kaye physically beat on his opponents. In his final match of the tournament, for third place, he wrestled the New Hampton 152 pounder. In the second period, Kaye, made his move. While on bottom, sensing that his opponent was off-balance, he rolled the New Hampton wrestler over, and pinned him.

Moses Kagan '98, at 140 pounds, was bumped out of first place contention, by losing to his Exeter opponent in the second round. Kagan went on to wrestle his way back into the match that decided fifth and sixth place. In the match, he faced the same

Exeter opponent that beat him earlier. The match began the same way the first did, with Exeter controlling. Kagan fought back, taking the lead away from the excellent Exeter 140 pounder. In the third period with match close, he became fatigued and the Exeter wrestler, almost took the lead. Despite his tired state Kagan held on, securing a victory and a fifth place medal.

Larry Obst '97, a starter from last year who has been injured for most of the season, went into Class A's unseeded and left as the fourth place finisher at 171 pounds. Obst used pure skill in many of his matches, as he was wrestling opponents ten pounds heavier than him. In the third round he wrestled against the NMH 171 pounder. Obst was losing early, having been taken to the mat. As the second period came to a close, he was still losing. In the middle of the third period the NMH, wrestler was penalized a point, and Obst seized the opportunity. Summoning all of his strength, he put together a final attempt. He shot at the NMH wrestler's legs, catching him off guard. Scoring two points, Obst won 6-5.

Adam Jonas '00, took third at 103 pounds, and had a very good tournament overall. Jonas, used his wild side-to-side maneuvers to bewilder his opponents and gain takedowns. His only loss came to an eleventh grade wrestler from KUA.

Surprisingly, the Big Blue was led by Jeremy Hersch '99, who had an amazing tournament at 135 pounds. In his first two matches, Hersch pinned his opponents with amazing flare. Hersch's only loss in the tournament came in the finals, at the hands of the Loomis competitor, who took eighth in Nationals last season. Jeremy placed second, and will likely go on to win next year in his upper season.

Overall, Andover had a decent tournament, demonstrating its potential with the success of its underclassmen. Jonas, Riehl, Hersch, Kagan and Kaye will all return next year, hoping to improve on this season's top six finishes. Remarked an Andover coach after the tournament, "We're moving forward as a program. We went from ninth last year to fourth this season. This team is going to do some great things."

PHILLIPS ACADEMY WRESTLING

Wght. Class	Wrestler	Team Points
103	A. Jonas	16
112	M. Riehl	13
119	N. Harlan	7
125	E. Cho	7
130	G. Briceño	2
135	J. Hersch	23
140	M. Kagan	15
145	A. Zeitlin	11
152	N. Kaye	19
160	G. Chase	7
171	L. Obst	16
189	R. Holmes	7
heavyweight	J. Denham	0

Hersch '99 Leads Blue in NE Tourney

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The Andover Wrestling team sent its top wrestlers to St. Paul's Academy last Saturday to

compete in the 1997 New England Wrestling Tournament. The qualifications for the tournament were either a personal sixty-six percent winning percentage or a top four finish in the Class A tournament. The Blue sent seven of its wrestlers to compete in this, the final wrestling event of the year. However, the only Andover wrestler to place was Jeremy Hersch '99, who wrestled extremely well and took fifth.

The wrestlers who competed were Adam Jonas '00 (103 lb.), Eddie Cho '98 (125 lb.), Jeremy Hersch '99 (135 lb.), Moses Kagan '98 (140 lb.), Max Sung '99 (145 lb.), Noah Kaye '99 (152 lb.), and Larry Obst '97 (171 lb.).

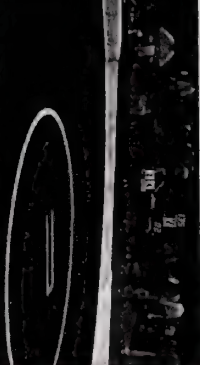
All the wrestlers did well against New England's best, and with only one senior competing this season, next year's team looks to be even more solid. In the final matches of his high school wrestling career, Larry Obst '97 came back from a tough injury to

have a decent tournament. Only after an excellent Class A tournament, in which he placed fourth, did he qualify for New England. In his first match, fourteenth seeded Obst wrestled against a Hockkiss competitor who was seeded third. Obst lost a hard fought match, but went on to win his next match with an impressive pin over the tenth seed. In what would be the final match of his high school wrestling career, he came up short against a worthy St. Paul's opponent.

After a regular season in which his only Class A loss came to an Exeter wrestler, whom he later beat, Moses Kagan '98 hoped to do well in the New England Tournament. Kagan went an unfortunate 1-2, being knocked out of the tournament in the third round. For Kagan however, the tournament was a success. In his first match, he wrestled against a St. Paul's wrestler who beat him earlier in the season. The match began, with Kagan jumping out to an astonishing 7-0 lead in the first period. Though down, the St. Paul's wrestler fought back. He

reversed Kagan to start the second period, and then put him on his back and nearly pinned him. Kagan fought through the period, and when it ended the score was tied 7-7. Summoning up all his energy, Kagan put the St. Paul's wrestler on his back once again, in the third period, and won the match by a score of 12-7.

Noah Kaye '99, one of Andover's top wrestlers, also had a solid tournament, with a 1-2 record. Although he didn't place, Kaye wrestled well. He was seeded eighth going in, but lost his first round match, in which he was leading in the third period. However, Kaye was not upset. Instead, he remarked, "We had three lowers in the tournament. I think this program is headed towards something really good within the next year or so."



Mo Kagan '98 struggles with his St. Mark's opponent.

Photo / G. Chase

Kaye went on to win his next match, against a Concord Academy opponent. Kaye took his foe down and put the match away in third period. He, however, could not build off the momentum from this victory, losing his third and final match.

Lower wrestler Jeremy Hersch was Andover's only competitor to place. After taking second in Class A's, Hersch had high expectations for the New England Tournament. Seeded ninth, He wrestled six full matches in about a day and a half. In his first match he wrestled the

eighth seed, and won by a score of 12-3. Next against the Loomis Chace 135 pound wrestler, who took second at Nationals, Hersch lost in one of his best matches of the season. The Loomis wrestler, who had pinned Hersch twice already this season, hoped to do the same, but to no avail. Hersch lost 8-1, but said of the match, "I went in, and basically kept moving the whole match. To go three periods... I couldn't have asked for anything else."

Hersch, only one loss away from being knocked out of the tournament, needed to turn things around. He did. He pinned his next opponent who was the twelve seed, and then went on to beat the fifth seed in a long and high scoring match. He lost his next match to the third seed, but then in his last match, for fifth place, against the fourth seed, he wrestled a near perfect match, and won by a score of 10-2.

Hersch has done wonders in this, his first year at Andover, compiling a 23-5 season record. Andover, although not placing many wrestlers at the top of their classes, had a good tournament overall. The Blue can look forward to a promising future, as six of its seven competitors in this tournament will return next year.

Placing Fourth in New England, Wrestling Caps off a Memorable and Highly Successful Season

by Gilman Barndollar
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



Before the season began, during the days of wrestling basics, team co-captain Moses Kagan '98 bluntly told his students "We didn't graduate any-

body." His words proved prophetic, as Andover wrestling veterans like Jeremy Hersch '99, co-captain Greg Chase '98, Noah Kaye '99, Eli Kagan '99, and Mo Kagan led the team through an incredible season, capped by a fourth place finish in the New England Tournament (hosted by the Blue). Andover's best finish ever in the highly competitive tournament. Under head coach Rich Gorham and coaches Bing Sung, Marc Effinger, and Nicholas Kip, all former Andover wrestlers, the team was forged from a core of veterans and competitive new wrestlers into one of the best teams in New England. Though the team fell to Exeter during the season, and was edged out by the Red by a single point at the Class A Tournament, the team's incredible fourth place at New England's, led by champions Hersch and Kaye, was an extraordinary moment for Andover wrestling.

The season started on an off note with a loss to Brooks during an unofficial scrimmage in late November. Though Chase and Eli Kagan managed to pin their opponents, Brooks swept through Andover's light weights and gave the Blue a jolt in its first match of the season. Less than two weeks later, Andover arrived at Governor Dummer Academy for its last scrimmage, in the words of Coach Gorham, "the last one that doesn't count," prepared to enter the real season on a positive note. Taking on GDA, Exeter High School, and Triton High School, the Blue cut through its opposition, and flooded onto the bus jubilantly. But Coach Gorham warned the team "You're never as bad as you look when you lose, but you're never as good as you look when you win."

Returning from Christmas break, Andover dove into the regular season with a 42-35 win over Choate, highlighted by Chase's 51-second pin and Hersch's 16-0 drubbing of his opponent. However, hosting the traditionally strong teams Wilbraham & Monson and Hyde, the Blue dropped both matches. Expecting a good team but not a great one, the Blue lost to Hyde by a crushing 57-21. Hyde's powerful 215-pounder, Nolan Hood, pinned an overmatched Eli Kagan at the end of the second period, but 160-pound Mike Mayne, who would later take second in his weight class at Class A's, overcame a tough match from Noah Kaye. Attacking from the opening seconds, Kaye fought a hard match, and only yielded to Mayne by a score of 9-7. Wilbraham & Monson, a strong team in the last five years, dominated most of the early weights, winning by a score of 45-30. Kaye faced his second fierce match of the day, and was pinned by Class A champion Jeremiah Fountain. Andover faced its most thrilling moment of the meet when Bill McGonigle '99, wrestling at 189 pounds, pinned his opponent in under a minute and rushed off the mat exuberantly. Despite these heroics, however, the Blue still lost both matches.

The next two weeks were exciting times for Andover wrestling, as the team swept past Deerfield 43-24, crushed Tilton 66-12, dominated Worcester 58-18, killed New Hampton 62-12, defeated a strong Belmont Hill squad 44-28, and beat a solid Loomis Chaffee team 55-20. In all of these meets, it was Andover's solid middle weights that set the tone for the team, with experienced wrestlers from 135 to 160 pounds giving the Blue sure wins and often pins. Max Sung '99 wrestled courageously at 152 pounds against Loomis' Gregory Stanislaus, an incredible wrestler who would become a New England champion two months later, and then place fourth at the National Prep Wrestling Tournament.

It was around this point, as Andover firmly entered the season and established a winning record, that some of the Blue's younger and less experienced wrestlers joined the varsity squad. John Costantino '99 had become the team's heavyweight in January and contributed to the Blue right away, pinning wrestlers from Choate, Deerfield, New Hampton and Belmont Hill in the opening weeks. Kwesi Christopher '99 joined the varsity team after reaching 103 pounds, and showed he was a force for Andover with his first win, a first period pin against Worcester's 103-pound wrestler. Justin Pytko '00, a first-year wrestler, had impressed the coaches with an undefeated record at the JV

level. With Jeremy Hersch injured for the North Andover match, Pytko wrestled varsity at 135 pounds and fought a determined match against a larger and more experienced opponent. After cutting to 130 pounds, Pytko became a varsity member for the rest of the season, earning a solid 4-3 record and adding another strong returner to next year's team. Kam Lasater '99, another first year wrestler, joined varsity at 171 pounds, and wrestled for Andover the whole season, earning a 5-12 record.

The week after its solid sweep of several reputable opponents, Andover faced overpowering teams at North Andover High School and Northfield-Mount Hermon. Although told by Coach Gorham to expect a physical, tough team, the Blue came out flat, with North Andover winning the first six matches to take a commanding lead. Strong performances from Kaye (with the team's only pin) and both Kagan brothers were not enough, and a dejected Andover team boarded the bus back to PA with a 52-16 loss under its belt. Two days later the story was little better, as Andover was greeted by defending Class A Champions NMH with strobe lights and Rocky music. With several PGs, NMH lived up to their bluster, trouncing the Blue by a score of 44-19, including a Co-Captain Mo Kagan's hard-fought 4-3 loss.

Andover bounced back strong the next week though, defeating Class A opponent Tabor and trouncing BB&N 59-12. Especially impressive was Matt Riehl's '99 22-7 technical fall victory, which he achieved with repeated Peterson Rolls and swift hip hoists. Hosting Moses Brown, Milton, and New Hampton, the Blue pulled out two wins, but the loss to Moses Brown was disappointing. Despite four forfeits in their favor, Andover couldn't seal the win, with only Mo Kagan and Jeremy Hersch winning their matches, and Moses Brown left with a 44-35 victory. As Coach Gorham put it: "We wrestled flat, with the exception of an inspired effort by Sean Murphy against the number three wrestler in the league." Determined to come back strong, in its final match before Exeter the Blue avenged its pre-season loss by beating Brooks by a whopping 55-21, showing how far the team had come in its season.

Exeter had beaten Andover for eleven straight years, and despite determined efforts and fierce wrestling, the Blue fell again to a talented and tough team. It was not the awful 72-0 loss of 1993, but more like last year's close match in which Exeter beat the Blue in the closing matches. Despite an early lead provided by Kwesi Christopher '99, Andover began losing matches in the light weights, and a score of 8-6 prompted doubt and memories of a decade of losses. Then, in possibly the most inspiring match of the Blue's season, a determined Justin Pytko pulled out an amazing come-from-behind victory. Taken down first, and wrestling on his back for most of the match, Pytko rolled his opponent in the second period, placing the astonished Exeter wrestler on his back and giving Pytko the pin, a win which electrified the Blue. Mo Kagan lost an incredible match to Exeter's highly ranked Noah Cox, losing by a take-down in the extra period after tying up the match at 6-6. Though Lasater, Eli Kagan, and Costantino all fought ferociously, the Blue's lead was lost to Exeter's tough senior and PG upper weights. Once again, Andover left coastal New Hampshire empty-handed.

Returning to Exeter a mere three days later for the vital Class A Tournament, Andover came roaring out, showing the fire they had saved up all season for the event. Kwesi Christopher won three matches, including an overtime win over a powerful Wilbraham & Monson wrestler, to take third place. Still recovering from a shoulder injury sustained earlier in the season, Max Sung '99 took sixth place in his weight class, as did teammates Adam Jonas '00 and John Costantino. Though he lost to Loomis' Greg Stanislaus, clearly the best wrestler of the entire tournament, Greg Chase contributed greatly with a strong second place finish, as did Noah Kaye with his third place. Undeniably, the stars of the day were Mo Kagan and Jeremy Hersch, both of whom became Class A champions. Using the incredibly quick shots he had employed all season, Hersch was never in serious danger of losing a match. Kagan faced rival Noah Cox of Exeter in his finals match, and fought one of his best matches of the season. Determined not to repeat the overtime loss of just three days ago, Kagan seized a 7-6 lead and rode out his opponent as the match slowly slipped away from Cox. Led by the astonishing two first place finishes, last achieved by the Blue in 1986, Andover scored

157 points to repeat last year's fourth place finish and edge out Exeter by a single point.

The following weekend the JV wrestlers departed to NMH for their moment in the sun, the annual JV Tournament. Though team points were not kept, silver medals for Justin Pytko and Sean Murphy '00 and golds for Ashish Shetty '00 and LeChristian Steptoe '00 indicate a strong future for the team. After two weeks of hard training, Andover sent its seven qualified wrestlers to the highly competitive New England Tournament, consisting of 49 teams, which was hosted by the Blue in the Cage.

The seven qualified to go, Kwesi Christopher, Jeremy Hersch, Moses Kagan, Greg Chase, John Myers, Noah Kaye, and Eli Kagan, had all compiled the required two thirds victory percentage and were looking to improve on last year's dismal 26th place finish. Despite Mo Kagan's injury in his first match, ending what would have been his large contributions to the team and undoubted top five finish, the Blue pulled through, taking fourth place. Andover's best-ever finish at the New England Tournament. Losing to the dominant Stanislaus again, Chase put up a strong fight, and went on to win four matches and take third place. Eli Kagan lost to Hyde's enormous Nolan Hood, but won three matches to finish sixth place. Jeremy Hersch and Noah Kaye, however, were incredible, both sweeping through their early matches and propelling themselves into the heated finals round in Borden Gym. Though he hurt himself in the second period, Hersch fought tenaciously to win the 135 pound weight class to the cheers of the home crowd. Kaye was losing at first, but he attacked in the second period and put his opponent on his back for an exhilarating pin. As 48 teams boarded buses to leave Andover, the Blue exulted in the knowledge that only an incredible first place St. Paul's team, a PG-laden NMH squad, and a strong Exeter team were better than Andover's best.

Overall, it had been an amazing season for the Blue. With two champions at Class A's and New England's, Andover fielded its strongest team in years. Without Kagan's injury, a third place finish would have been assured to Andover. As it was, the New England's performance was unprecedented; as next year's Co-captain, Noah Kaye, put it, "Everyone did their best and then some." For Coach Rich Gorham, his first year as head coach of Andover wrestling was a great one. He had molded a team of veterans like Kagan and newcomers like, to use his words, "unsung hero of the day" at Class A's John Costantino, into one of the best prep wrestling teams in New England. With captains-elect Hersch and Kaye at the helm next year and the addition of several PGs, Andover wrestling is anticipating another year of dominance.

Co-captain Mo Kagan '98 dominating an opponent with a head lever

Photo / J. Mitchell



Wrestlers Noah Kaye and Jeremy Hersch: New England Prep School Champions

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"Hersch!" "Noah!" Their names were chanted across a packed Borden Gymnasium one cold Saturday night in March, and were cheered throughout Upper Right dining hall the next Wednesday. When the chanting and cheering had stopped, Jeremy Hersch '99 and Noah Kaye '99 had been crowned New England Champions in wrestling and been elected captains of the team by their teammates.

Noah and Jeremy are surprisingly similar athletes and students. Both are on the honor roll, and both have been boarding students in Flagstaff since their lower year. Both, in addition to their wrestling, play on a varsity team Fall term (Jeremy is a cornerback on the football team, Noah a stopper on varsity soccer).

Jeremy began wrestling in eighth grade at Buckley, a private school in New York. Upon arriving at Andover as a new lower, he immediately made the varsity football team, and followed that by making varsity wrestling and becoming one of the team's greatest contributors. Indeed, at last year's New England Independent Schools Wrestling Association (NEISWA) Jeremy was the only Andover wrestler to place in the top six in his weight class. A 135-pound wrestler, Hersch is renowned for his quick pins, and was the fastest on the team with his fourteen second pin. Hersch also compiled the team's best record, going 27-1, the only loss coming as the result of a default to New Hampton because Hersch nearly passed out from an illegal headlock. He won the Class A Tournament and was a vital part of the Blue's strong fourth place finish. Two weeks later, at home in the Cage for the New England Tournament, Jeremy did not disappoint team captain Mo Kagan '98, who confidently told classmates "Come watch New England's. Jeremy Hersch is gonna win the thing." He ripped through his first three matches, pinning two wrestlers in under one minute each, including his semifinal match. The full bleachers in Borden rumbled with the cheering for Hersch as he took to the mat for his finals match. He described the advantage it gave him: "Wrestling in front of a home crowd really got me pumped." Facing Dwight Clasby of

Brunswick, Jeremy used his lightning-quick takedowns and control style wrestling to score eight unanswered points in the first and second periods. Halfway into the second period, however, Hersch was put on the mat and tore a muscle in his back. Battling through the pain, Hersch allowed seven points but won his match as Andover breathed a collective sigh of relief at the one point victory.

Noah Kaye began wrestling at age twelve at school in his native Kansas, but he credited freestyle wrestling in the summer with developing his talents. This year, Noah was one of Andover's key wrestlers, and when counted on for a critical win, he delivered. Kaye placed third at Class A's, after helping Andover by winning his match in the Blue's painful 32-25 loss to Exeter. Going into New England's, Kaye was expected to be quite a force, and was seeded highly because of his third place finish at A's. He kept true to form, winning his first two matches with relative ease, and then entering a highly charged match with NMH wrestler Alan Davis. Davis had knocked out Hyde's Mike Mayne, the wrestler favored by many to win the tournament. Noah had beaten Davis three times before, including twice at Class A's (first round and third place match), and he did so again, taking a 3-2 lead into the third period and doing a masterful job of riding out the match.

Later that night, Noah stepped onto the mat against Belmont Hill's Matt Scott in the 160-pound finals match. Noah had already beaten Kaye in an earlier match, Scott's only blemish on the season. Kaye fought hard, but was taken down in the first period and went into the second period trailing his opponent. However, energized by the ferocious cheering of his friends and teammates, he seized an opening and put Scott on his back. As the referee's hand hit the mat for the pin, the crowd erupted.

Jeremy Hersch and Noah Kaye, clearly two of New England's more prominent wrestlers, led this year's Andover team to tremendous success, a best-ever fourth place finish in New England's. Next year as they look to repeat as champions will bring their leadership skills to the fore as they hope to lead an even more successful Andover team, one with a burning desire to end fifteen years of losses to Exeter.



Uppers Jeremy Hersch and Noah Kaye celebrate their New England Championships in the 135 and 160 weight classes, respectively. Hersch and Kaye are next year's co-captains.

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WINTER AWARDS AND TROPHYS

1997-98

ROBERT L. WURSTER BASKETBALL TROPHY - to that senior member of the boys and girls varsity basketball teams who, during his or her association with basketball at Phillips Academy, has contributed most to the sport and to the school by representing its ideals through sportsmanship, endeavor and ability.

BOYS RECIPIENT: SHAUN QUALTER

GIRLS RECIPIENT: ELIZABETH SILIATO

SUMNER SMITH HOCKEY AWARD - To a boy and girl senior who are in good scholastic standing and during their association with hockey at Phillips Academy have contributed most to the sport and to the school by representing its ideals through sportsmanship, endeavor and ability.

BOYS RECIPIENT: GREG BERARD

GIRLS RECIPIENT: ABIGAIL GARDNER

PETER O. MCKEE SKI CUP - To a member of the Nordic ski team and a member of the Alpine ski team who have contributed most to the team and to skiing.

NORDIC RECIPIENT: KIMBERLY BALLARD-PERRIN

FAGAN SQUASH TROPHY - To the winner of the "Fagan Trophy Tournament" open to those students at Phillips Academy who are participating in the game of squash.

Recipient: PETER KARLEN

WOMEN'S SQUASH AWARD - To the winner of the Phillips Academy women's squash tournament open to the top eight ranked players in the competitive squash program for women.

Recipient: COURTENAY GREEN

HOITSMA SQUASH AWARD - To that boy or girl squash player who best exemplifies the dedicated commitment to squash which Lou Hoitsma has shown in his years of coaching Phillips Academy teams.

Recipient: PETER KARLEN & JENNIFER SHINGLETON

Varsity Swimming Award - To that member of the boys swimming team who in the judgment of the captain and coach exemplified the spirit of Andover swimming.

Recipient: BRENNER THOMAS

Washburn Award - For that member of the girls swimming team who, in the judgment of the captain and coach exemplified the spirit of Andover swimming.

Recipient: KRISTIN MOON

MVP BOYS INDOOR TRACK

Recipient: JOHN FRIEDMAN

MVP GIRLS INDOOR TRACK

Recipient: HANNAH COLE

RICHARD S. PIETERS WRESTLING AWARD - To that team member who demonstrated throughout the season outstanding ability and enthusiasm for the sport.

Recipient: GREGORY CHASE

RICHARD LUX M.I.P. AWARD - To the team member who, in the judgment of the captain and coaches, was the most improved of the team.

Recipient: KWESI CHRISTOPHER

PHILIP K. ALLEN AWARD - This sports camp scholarship is to be awarded to the returning female athlete who best combines the vigor of a true competitor with a grace of character, thereby demonstrating her personal understanding that the aggressiveness required to excel need not overpower propriety, personal dignity and kindness.

Recipient: CHARLENE CAPUTO

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SATURDAY, APRIL 4

Baseball (BV)	BRIDGTON ACADEMY.....(H)	1:30
Golf (V)	Tabor (Kittansett Club).....(A)	2:00
Lacrosse (G V)	Middlesex (Scrimmage).....(A)	2:00
Softball (G V)	ANDOVER HIGH PLAYDAY.....(H)	10:00
Tennis (B V)	Kingswood-Oxford.....(A)	9:00

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

Tennis (B V)	Kingswood-Oxford.....(A)	9:00
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

Baseball (B V)	NO. ANDOVER HIGH (Scrim).....(H)	3:00
Baseball (B JV1)	Belmont Hill.....(A)	3:00
Baseball (B JV2)	B.B.&N.....(H)	3:15
Golf (V)	EXETER/GDA.....(H)	1:30
Lacrosse (B V)	N.M.H.....(H)	3:15
Lacrosse (G V)	ST. MARK'S (Scrim).....(H)	3:15
Softball (G JV)	NEWMAN PREP.....(H)	3:30
Softball (G V)	Lowell High.....(A)	3:15
Tennis (B V)	TUFTS.....(H)	2:30
Tennis (G VB)	WINSOR (JV).....(H)	3:30
Tennis (G JV)	Winsor (JV2).....(A)	3:30

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

Golf (V)	Belmont Hill.....(A)	3:45
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FRIDAY, APRIL 10

Softball (G V)	NOBLE HIGH SCHOOL.....(H)	3:30
Tennis (B V)	M.I.T.....(H)	4:30

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

Baseball (B V)	Wilbraham & Monson.....(A)	11:00
Crew (B V)	KENT.....(H)	2:00
Crew (G V)	KENT.....(H)	2:00
Golf (V)	HOLDERNESS.....(H)	3:00
Lacrosse (B JV2)	Masconomet JV.....(A)	12:00
Lacrosse (G V)	K.U.A.....(A)	4:00
Softball (G JV)	FREMONT JR. HIGH.....(H)	1:30
Tennis (B V)	N.M.H.....(H)	1:00
Tennis (B VB)	N.M.H.....(H)	1:00
Track & Field (B V)	Deerfield/Taft.....(A)	2:00
Track & Field (G V)	Deerfield/Taft.....(A)	2:00

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

Baseball (B V)	Cushing.....(A)	3:00
Baseball (B JV1)	Gr. Law. Technical High.....(A)	3:15
Baseball (B JV2)	GR. LAW. FRESHMAN.....(H)	3:15
Lacrosse (B V)	ALBANY ACADEMY.....(H)	2:00
Lacrosse (B V)	BRIDGTON ACADEMY.....(H)	4:00
Lacrosse (B JV2)	PIKE SCHOOL.....(H)	3:15
Lacrosse (G V)	N.M.H.....(H)	3:15
Lacrosse (G JV1)	N.M.H.....(H)	4:30

Lacrosse (G JV2)	DERRYFIELD.....(H)	3:30
Softball (G V)	K.U.A.....(H)	3:00
Softball (G JV)	PROCTOR VARSITY.....(H)	2:00
Tennis (B VB)	TABOR.....(H)	3:00
Tennis (B JV)	TABOR.....(H)	3:00
Tennis (G V)	ST. PAUL'S.....(H)	3:00

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

Golf (V)	Middlesex (Concord CC).....(A)	3:30
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FRIDAY, APRIL 17

Lacrosse (B JV1)	BELMONT HILL.....(H)	3:30
Lacrosse (G V)	HARVARD.....(H)	3:45
Tennis (B VB)	BEMONT HILL.....(H)	3:30
Tennis (B JV)	ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL.....(H)	3:45
Track & Field (B V)	READING HIGH (Scrim).....(H)	3:30
Track & Field (G V)	READING HIGH (Scrim).....(H)	3:30

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

Baseball (B V)	WORCESTER (DH).....(H)	11:00
Baseball (B JV1)	Bishop Fenwick High.....(A)	2:15
Baseball (B JV2)	BISHOP FENWICK HIGH.....(H)	1:15
Crew (B V)	St. John's/Simsb/Exeter.....(A)	3:00
Crew (G V)	Simsbury/Exeter.....(A)	3:00
Softball (G V)	Bancroft (4:00)/NMH.....(A)	2:00

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

Cycling Team	Bish. Hendricken (Ninigret).....(A)	10:00
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TUESDAY, APRIL 21

Tennis (G V)	MIDDLESEX.....(H)	4:00
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

Baseball (B V)	HARVARD.....(H)	3:30
Baseball (B JV1)	NO. READING HIGH SCHOOL.....(H)	3:00
Baseball (B JV2)	Cushing (JV).....(A)	3:30
Cycling	Putney.....(A)	3:00
Golf (V)	Milton.....(A)	2:30
Lacrosse (B V)	HOLDERNESS.....(H)	3:00
Lacrosse (B JV1)	HOLDERNESS.....(H)	3:00
Lacrosse (G V)	Concord-Carlisle High.....(A)	3:00
Lacrosse (G JV1)	Concord-Carlisle High.....(A)	3:00
Softball (G JV)	PRESENTATION OF MARY (Scn).....(H)	3:15
Softball (G V)	PRESENTATION OF MARY (Scn).....(H)	3:15
Tennis (B V)	Milton.....(A)	3:15
Tennis (B JV)	Belmont Hill JV.....(A)	3:30
Tennis (G VB)	ST. GEORGE'S.....(H)	3:30
Tennis (G JV)	PIKE SCHOOL.....(H)	2:00
Track & Field (B V)	Tewksbury.....(A)	2:30
Track & Field (G V)	Tewksbury.....(A)	2:30
Volleyball (B V)	N.M.H.....(H)	3:30

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

Baseball (B JV2)	Milton.....(A)	4:30
Softball (G JV)	DANA HALL.....(H)	3:30
Tennis (B V)	ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL.....(H)	3:30
Tennis (G V)	Milton.....(A)	4:30

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

Baseball (B V)	N.M.H. (DH).....(A)	1:30
Cycling Team	Gould (Bethel, ME).....(A)	10:00
Lacrosse (B V)	Deerfield.....(A)	2:30
Lacrosse (B JV1)	Deerfield.....(A)	2:30
Lacrosse (B JV2)	Proctor.....(A)	3:30
Lacrosse (G V)	TAFT.....(H)	4:00
Lacrosse (G JV1)	Proctor.....(A)	2:00
Lacrosse (G JV2)	Proctor.....(A)	3:30
Softball (G V)	CUSHING/TABOR/NAZARETH.....(H)	1:00
Tennis (B V)	DEERFIELD.....(H)	12:30
Tennis (B VB)	DEERFIELD.....(H)	12:30
Tennis (G V)	EXETER.....(H)	3:00
Tennis (G VB)	EXETER.....(H)	3:00
Tennis (G JV)	EXETER.....(H)	3:00
Track & Field (B V)	N.M.H./NAPS.....(H)	2:00
Track & Field (B JV)	N.M.H.....(H)	2:00
Track & Field (G V)	N.M.H./MILTON.....(H)	2:00
Track & Field (G JV)	N.M.H./MILTON.....(H)	2:00

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

Cycling Team	Gould (Bethel, ME).....(A)	10:00
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TUESDAY, APRIL 28

Lacrosse (B V)	Governor Dummer.....(A)	4:30
Lacrosse (B JV1)	Governor Dummer.....(A)	4:30

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

Baseball (B V)	WILBRAHAM & MONSON.....(H)	3:15
Baseball (B JV1)	BELMONT HILL.....(H)	3:30
Baseball (B JV2)	ST. PAUL'S.....(H)	3:00
Cycling Team	Holderness (Plymouth, NH).....(A)	3:00
Golf (V)	St. Mark's (St. Mark's).....(A)	3:00
Lacrosse (B JV2)	MASCONOMET JV.....(H)	4:00
Lacrosse (G V)	B.B.&N.....(A)	3:15
Lacrosse (G JV1)	B.B.&N.....(A)	4:30
Lacrosse (G JV2)	PIKE SCHOOL.....(H)	3:00
Softball (G JV)	Exeter.....(A)	2:30
Softball (G V)	Exeter.....(A)	2:30
Tennis (B V)	Exeter.....(A)	3:00
Tennis (B VB)	Exeter.....(A)	3:00
Tennis (B JV)	Exeter.....(A)	3:00
Tennis (G V)	Deerfield.....(A)	3:30
Tennis (G VB)	Deerfield.....(A)	3:30

Tennis (G JV)

ST. PAUL'S.....(H)	3:00
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FRIDAY, MAY 1

Lacrosse (B JV2)	Pike School.....(A)	3:45
Lacrosse (G JV2)	SHORE COUNTRY DAY.....(H)	3:30
Tennis (B JV)	BELMONT HILL JV.....(H)	3:30

SATURDAY, MAY 2

Baseball (B V)	Exeter (DH).....(A)	1:30
Baseball (B JV1)	LOWELL VOCATIONAL HIGH.....(H)	2:00
Crew (B V)	St. Paul's.....(A)	3:00
Crew (G V)	St. Paul's.....(A)	3:00
Golf (V)	TILTON.....(H)	2:30
Lacrosse (B V)	LOOMIS-CHAFFEE.....(H)	3:00
Lacrosse (B JV1)	LOOMIS-CHAFFEE.....(H)	3:00
Lacrosse (G V)	TABOR.....(H)	2:30
Lacrosse (G JV1)	TABOR.....(H)	2:30
Softball (G JV)	NO. ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL.....(H)	1:30
Softball (G V)	N. AND. (Scrim)/NEW HAMPT.....(H)	1:30
Tennis (B VB)	Andover High School.....(A)	2:00
Tennis (G V)	N.M.H.....(H)	3:00
Tennis (G VB)	N.M.H.....(H)	3:00
Track & Field (B V)	ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL.....(H)	2:00
Track & Field (B JV)	ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL.....(H)	2:00
Track & Field (G V)	ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL.....(H)	2:00
Track & Field (G JV)	ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL.....(H)	2:00

SUNDAY, MAY 3

Cycling Team	HOME RACE.....(H)	1:00
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

Baseball (B V)	CUSHING.....(H)	2:30
Baseball (B JV1)	MILTON.....(H)	3:30
Baseball (B JV2)	Pingree.....(A)	3:30
Golf (V)	Thayer (Braintree Munic.).....(A)	2:30
Lacrosse (B V)	Milton.....(A)	3:30
Lacrosse (B JV1)	PINKERTON ACADEMY.....(H)	4:00
Lacrosse (B JV2)	PINKERTON ACADEMY.....(H)	4:00
Lacrosse (G V)	Governor Dummer.....(A)	3:15
Lacrosse (G JV1)	Governor Dummer.....(A)	4:15
Lacrosse (G JV2)	BROOKWOOD SCHOOL.....(H)	3:30
Tennis (B V)	Moses Brown.....(A)	4:00
Tennis (B VB)	Milton.....(A)	4:30
Tennis (B JV)	PIKE SCHOOL.....(H)	3:00
Tennis (G V)	MILTON.....(H)	3:30
Tennis (G JV)	MIDDLESEX.....(H)	2:15
Track & Field (B V)	CUSHING/CENTRAL.....(H)	3:30
Track & Field (G V)	CUSHING/CENTRAL.....(H)	3:30

SATURDAY, MAY 9

Baseball (B V)	DEERFIELD (DH).....(H)	1:15
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Baseball (B JV1)	DEERFIELD (DH).....(H)	1:15
Baseball (B JV2)	Governor Dummer.....(A)	2:00
Crew (B V)	EXETER, TABOR.....(H)	2:00
Crew (G V)	EXETER, TABOR.....(H)	2:00
Lacrosse (B V)	CONCORD-CARLISLE HIGH.....(H)	2:30
Lacrosse (B JV1)	CONCORD-CARLISLE HIGH.....(H)	2:30
Lacrosse (B JV2)	Loomis-Chaffee.....(A)	3:00
Lacrosse (G V)	Thayer.....(A)	2:30
Lacrosse (G JV1)	Loomis-Chaffee.....(A)	3:00
Lacrosse (G JV2)	Loomis-Chaffee.....(A)	3:00
Softball (G JV)	GOVERNOR DUMMER.....(H)	1:30
Softball (G V)	STONELEIGH/DEERFIELD (3:30).....(H)	1:30
Tennis (B V)	Choate.....(A)	3:00
Tennis (B VB)	Choate.....(A)	3:00
Tennis (B JV)	Concord Academy (V).....(H)	1:00
Tennis (G V)	Loomis-Chaffee.....(A)	3:00
Tennis (G VB)	Concord Academy (V).....(A)	1:30
Track & Field (B V)	LOOMIS-CHAFFEE.....(H)	3:30
Track & Field (B JV)	LOOMIS-CHAFFEE.....(H)	3:30
Track & Field (G V)	LOOMIS-CHAFFEE.....(H)	3:30
Track & Field (G JV)	LOOMIS-CHAFFEE.....(H)	3:30

SUNDAY, MAY 10

Cycling Team	Bish. Hendricken (Warwick).....(A)	10:00
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

Baseball (B V)	Tabor.....(A)	3:30
Baseball (B JV1)	Exeter.....(A)	3:00
Cycling Team	Proctor (Loudon, NH).....(A)	TBA
Golf (V)	RIVERS.....(H)	3:00
Lacrosse (B V)	ST. PAUL'S.....(H)	4:15
Lacrosse (B JV1)	ST. PAUL'S.....(H)	4:15
Lacrosse (B JV2)	CUSHING (JV).....(H)	3:15
Lacrosse (G V)	WINSOR.....(H)	3:45
Lacrosse (G JV1)	WINSOR.....(H)	5:00
Lacrosse (G JV2)	TILTON.....(H)	2:30
Softball (G V)	NAZARETH.....(H)	3:30
Tennis (G V)	NOBLE & GREENOUGH.....(H)	3:00
Tennis (G VB)	Noble & Greenough.....(A)	3:00
Tennis (G JV)	BROOKS.....(H)	3:00

FRIDAY, MAY 15

Baseball (B JV2)	Brooks.....(A)	4:15
Lacrosse (G JV1)	MASCONOMET.....(H)	3:45

SATURDAY, MAY 16

Baseball (B V)	Tournament.....(A)	9:00
Crew (B V)	N.M.H.....(H)	1:30
Crew (G V)	N.M.H.....(H)	1:30
Golf (V)	Exeter/GDA (Ports. CC).....(A)	2:00

Lacrosse (B V)	Tabor.....(A)	1:15
Lacrosse (B JV1)	Tabor.....(A)	1:15
Lacrosse (B JV2)	PROCTOR.....(H)	2:00
Lacrosse (G V)	Tournament.....(A)	10:30
Softball (G JV)	NORTH READING JV.....(H)	11:00
Softball (G V)	Tournament (Greenfield).....(A)	TBA
Tennis (B V)	TOURNAMENT.....(H)	9:30
Tennis (G V)	Thayer (@ Blue Hills).....(A)	11:00
Tennis (G VB)	Governor Dummer.....(A)	10:00
Tennis (G JV)	Governor Dummer.....(A)	10:00
Track & Field (B V)	INTERSCHOLASTICS.....(H)	10:00
Track & Field (G V)	INTERSCHOLASTICS.....(H)	10:00
Volleyball (B V)	N.M.H.....(A)	2:00

SUNDAY, MAY 17

Softball (G V)	Tournament.....(A)	TBA
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

Baseball (B JV1)	NO. READING HIGH SCHOOL.....(H)	3:30
Baseball (B JV2)	Gr. Law, Technical High.....(A)	3:30
Lacrosse (B V)	PINKERTON ACADEMY.....(H)	4:00
Lacrosse (B JV1)	Pinkerton Academy.....(A)	4:30
Lacrosse (B JV2)	Pinkerton Academy.....(A)	3:30
Lacrosse (G V)	Groton.....(A)	3:15
Lacrosse (G JV1)	Groton.....(A)	3:15
Lacrosse (G JV2)	Milton.....(A)	3:15
Softball (G JV)	NORTH READING FRESH.....(H)	3:30
Softball (G V)	NO. READING HIGH SCHOOL.....(H)	3:30
Tennis (B V)	EXETER.....(H)	2:30
Tennis (B VB)	EXETER.....(H)	2:30
Tennis (B JV)	EXETER.....(H)	2:30
Tennis (G V)	Exeter.....(A)	3:00
Tennis (G VB)	Exeter.....(A)	3:00
Tennis (G JV)	Exeter.....(A)	3:00

FRIDAY, MAY 22

Lacrosse (G V)	EXETER.....(H)	6:30
Softball (G V)	ST. PAUL'S.....(H)	4:00
Track & Field (B JV)	Andover High Fr. Inv.....(A)	3:30
Track & Field (G JV)	Andover High Fr. Inv.....(A)	3:30

SATURDAY, MAY 23

Baseball (B V)	EXETER.....(H)	2:00
Baseball (B JV1)	EXETER.....(H)	2:00
Baseball	ALUMNI.....(H)	10:30
Crew (B V)	Interscholastics at Worcester.....(A)	10:00
Crew (G V)	Interscholastics at Worcester.....(A)	8:00
Golf (V)	GDA/Exeter.....(A)	1:30
Lacrosse (B V)	EXETER.....(H)	2:30
Lacrosse (B JV1)	EXETER.....(H)	2:00
Lacrosse	ALUMNI.....(H)	11:00
Lacrosse (G JV1)	EXETER.....(H)	2:00
Softball (G JV)	EXETER.....(H)	2:00
Softball (G V)	EXETER.....(H)	2:00
Tennis (G V)	NEPSAC Invitational.....(A)	9:30

Track & Field (B V)	EXETER.....(H)	2:00
Track & Field (B JV)	EXETER.....(H)	2:00
Track & Field (G V)	EXETER.....(H)	2:00
Track & Field (G JV)	EXETER.....(H)	2:00

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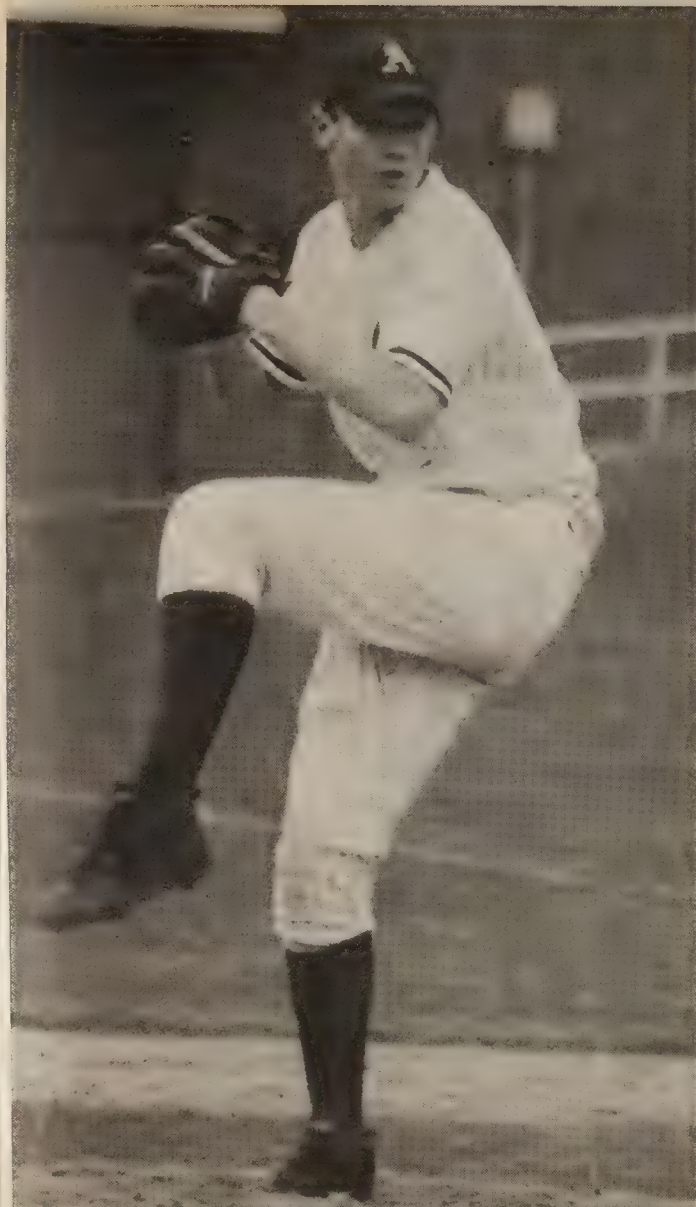
LETTER WINNERS

Baseball -V
Bough, Geoffrey E.
Dent, Dean A., II (c)
Dietz, Stephen F.
Farson, Brett D.
Gallagher, Ryan C.
Grant, Kevin M.
Heighington, Brian A.
Hordon, Marc G.
Mahoney, Mark A.
Meserole, Christopher O.
Ottariano, Mark K.
Palmer, Matthew L.
Sax, Ryan G.
Thurber, Davis C.
Turner, Michael P., Jr.
Waldron, Shane T.
Welsch, Lia J. (m)

BASEBALL - 1998

			PA	OPP	
Sat., Apr. 4	Bridgton Academy	H			win
Wed., Apr. 8	No. Andover High	H	12	1	
Sat., Apr. 11	Wilbraham & Monson	A	19	1	
Wed., Apr. 15	Cushing	A	9	1	
Sat., Apr. 17	Worcester (DH)	H	5	3	
			8	3	
Wed., Apr. 22	Harvard	H	4	7	
Sat., Apr. 25	N.M.H. (DH)	A	4	1	
			3	4	
Wed., Apr. 29	Wilbraham & Monson	H	18	4	
Sun., May 3	Exeter (DH)	A	9	1	
			6	1	
Wed., May 6	Cushing	H	canceled - rain		
Sat., May 9	Deerfield (H	2	7	
Mon., May 11	Cushing (rescheduled)	H	canceled		
Wed., May 13	Tabor	A	7	4	
Sat., May 16	Tournament - Deerfield	A	6	4	
	Worcester		5	3	
Sat., May 23	Exeter	H	13	2	

Baseball Dominates Foes



Andover's pitching staff, which allowed only three runs this year, has been dominating so far this year

Photo / L. Hoopes

by Charlie B. Finch III
SENIOR PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	19
W&M	2

Andover	9
Cushing	1



In its first few games, the Andover boys' varsity baseball team has both made a case for the ten-run rule normally used only in little leagues and redefined the word "rout."

Including its scrimmage with North Andover, the boys have beaten their opponents by a combined score of 31-3 over the last three games. A superlative combination of pitching and power hitting helped the Blue to beat Wilbraham and Monson and Cushing this week. Though it hasn't played any tough teams yet, the boys are already acquiring a reputation as one of the top clubs on the New England private school circuit.

Wilbraham and Monson

Rightfielder Geoff Bough '99 led the Blue past an overmatched Wilbraham and Monson squad Saturday with four hits and six RBI's. The win moved the boys' record to 2-0, while confirming all the expectations of the Blue's pitching rotation.

The game began with a bang, as post-graduate shortstop Kevin Grant hit one over the fence in right-center field during the top of the first. Surprisingly, while Brian Heighington '98 held the opposition to two hits and one run through the first three innings, the Blue could not muster any more runs. In the fifth inning, however, the middle of the lineup exploded for five runs, highlighted by a base clearing double by Bough, which scored third baseman Mike Turner '00, Catcher Brett Farson '99, and first baseman

Matt Palmer.

With the score standing at 8-1, the contest took a turn to the absurd in the sixth. The blue batted around, and every starter except Ryan Sax '98 scored. The RBI's were provided by Grant, Bough, and Palmer. Mahoney crossed the plate twice in the inning.

Meanwhile, Marc Hordon '00 showed off his stuff in relief, striking out the side for a remarkable three consecutive innings. "He could've started pitching left-handed, he still would have struck out all those guys," said Mike Turner. "He was in that much of a groove." A weak single was all W&H could manage against the Hordon heat.

Particularly exceptional in the field were Grant and Dent, each of whom handed in his usually clean performance.

Cushing

Despite the general good play of the team, however, the game resulted in some shake ups in the starting lineup. Turner donned the pads, while Bough moved to center and Hordon took over in right. Despite the changes, the result of the game was similar: the Blue took over early and cruised on the strength of Mahoney's arm, ultimately winning by the score of nine to one.

Scattering five hits and one unearned run through a complete game performance, Mahoney took over the game after an initial burst of power from the Blue lineup.

Even though the final margin of the victory was eight runs, Andover's only big inning was the fifth. In the early part of the game, Dent, second baseman Chris Meserole, and Mike Turner all had RBI's. Mahoney supported his own cause with an RBI single in the fourth inning.

The pros and cons of the Turner move both showed up during the game. His main asset, his strong arm, showed up when one of the Cushing players tried to steal second Turner

gunned him down. However, the lone Cushing run came on a passed ball that some attribute to his lack of high school game experience. Turner also proved very valuable at the plate.

The decision to bench Sax has also been very controversial. While Sax had been in a slump at the plate, his fielding abilities and speed made him an integral part of the lineup. Despite the move, Sax will no doubt be back soon. His base-running ability at the leadoff spot is simply too helpful to the team.

Worcester, the first team that will test the Blue, comes to Andover Saturday for an afternoon doubleheader. Opponents like Worcester will be the real indicators of just how good this team could be, though cream puffs like Wilberham and Monson are littered throughout Andover's schedule. Once the lineup settles, the boys should be at their peak, for the pitching staff has already coalesced.

While Cline may continue to draw criticism for his moves, he will be vindicated or proved wrong only when the season plays itself out; the talent required for a championship year is certainly scattered throughout the team's roster.

Andover				
Player	AB	R	H	RBI
Bough, cf	3	0	0	0
Grant, ss	3	2	1	0
Heighington, 3b	4	1	3	0
Dent, lf	3	2	1	1
Mahoney, p	4	1	1	2
Turner, c	3	2	1	1
Hordon, rf	2	1	0	0
Palmer, 1b	2	0	0	0
Meserole, 2b	3	0	2	4
Sax, cf	1	0	0	0
Ottariano, 1b	1	0	0	0
Dietz, 2b	1	0	0	0
Thurber, 2b	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	30	9	9	8



Mark Mahoney '98

"With two outstanding performances already under his belt, Mark is the anchor of our pitching staff."

-Captain Tony Dent '98

In the past, Andover's baseball teams have been quite successful, including back-to-back New England titles in 1995 and 1996. Although last year the team struggled a little, there are many reasons that it should return to top form this season. One of those key reasons is Mark Mahoney, a post-graduate pitcher who brings loads of experience (not to mention talent) with him to this year's squad. His presence has already been felt, and appreciated, thus far in the season, for in his first two pitching outings (vs. North Andover and Cushing) he has led the team to impressive 12-1 and 9-1 victories. Against Cushing, Mahoney pitched seven innings, giving up only three hits while striking out thirteen, and at the plate still he helped his own cause picking up a hit and an RBI for himself. While he maintains that the team (which has outscored its opponents 40-3 in its first three contests of the year) is yet to face a formidable pitcher, Mark does admit that the squad is definitely "on a roll."

Mark first got involved with baseball at the tender age of five, when he joined a t-ball league in his hometown of Newton, a city just outside of Boston. Shortly thereafter he began playing Little League baseball, and moved up through the ranks of youth baseball until he entered Newton North High School. There he played for both the school and for the 440 Legion team. Legion is a very competitive baseball league for players ages 16-18, and it was on this team that Mark truly shone last season. While the squad went 21-1 and made it to the Massachusetts sectional

finals, Mark compiled a 5-0 pitching record and an incredible .420 batting average. At Newton North he had a record of 6-1 and batted .390, and was named both a 1st-team Bay State League All-Star and player of the year for a regional paper. Most importantly, Mark was honored with the prestigious Hamill Award, which is given annually to the best high school baseball player in the city of Newton. It is almost hard to believe that a baseball player as talented as Mark would have time to do anything else, but he also somehow managed to fit ice hockey into his busy schedule, and continued to do so this past winter.

Last year, when Mark was a senior at Newton North, he knew that he would want to do a post-graduate year somewhere because he was to graduate young. He says that his final decision came down between Andover and Exeter, and when he visited here he "got a gut feeling that [he] would love this place," and he has. Says Mark: "You can't go wrong with the academics... and the people... and the sports!" In short he definitely does not regret his decision to matriculate, but enthusiastically insists that he has loved every minute of his time here at Andover.

As the baseball season, surely Mark's favorite time of year, begins, Mark is optimistic in how both it and the team should end up. "We definitely have the talent to win every game; we have good pitching and a great defense. We also have a great coaching staff which has worked with the talent on and off the bench, which could serve as a key to success." He cites the quality of the starting nine in particular, but asserts that what really

matters to everyone on the talented squad is a New England championship, and that the season would really be incomplete without one. In Mark's words, "It will be interesting to see how we overcome adversity—how tough we are mentally. However anything less than a league championship in Worcester would be a disappointment. That [a championship] is what we're really gunning for".

As the season progresses on, Mark is sure to make many more impressive showings on the mound. When not pitching, the team will keep Mark's big bat in the line-up, playing him at second base. The team will no doubt continue to look him for his all-around play. Next year Mark will take his talents to Trinity College in Hartford, where he will play both ice hockey and baseball. The captain of last year's squad, Jarrett Bayliss '97, is also currently a member of the Trinity baseball team, so be sure to look for a small Andover contingent when reading Trinity baseball headlines next spring.

In terms of acknowledgments, Mark says that he definitely owes many thanks to his family, as well as to his two high school coaches, Joe Siciliano from Newton North and Manny Conenery from Legion. These people have helped him build a career that could be deemed illustrious even at a stage so early as high school. Down what path baseball will now lead Mark Mahoney remains to be seen, yet it will surely remain an integral part of his life. For now, let's hope that a New England championship lies somewhere along that road.

Baseball Takes Two from Worcester

4/24

by Charlie B. Finch III
SENIOR PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover 5
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Harvard JV 7
Andover 4



BASEBALL

Picking up two wins against Worcester but losing to Harvard JV, the boys' varsity baseball team pulled its record to 5-1 and continued its run of undefeated league play.

The best news for the team was the resurgence of Captain Tony Dent '98, who had a triple, two singles, two steals, three runs, and four RBIs in the doubleheader, then singled in a run against Harvard after getting hit twice and walking once. Dent also had a particularly impressive game in left field against Harvard, gunning down a runner at home on a fly ball.

The pitching rotation has also gotten into a groove; Brian Heighington '98, Marc Hordon '00, and Mark Mahoney '98 each gave six or seven innings of solid throwing, while Matt Palmer '99 held opposing batters scoreless in three innings of relief. While Andover's lineup is still settling out, Coach Andy Cline is very happy with the team's depth, saying that he has a team with, "Sixteen players who can play."

Ryan Sax '98 and Brett Farson '99, who play centerfielder and catcher respectively, each reentered the lineup after sitting for a game. The boys, entering the most difficult stretch of their schedule, seem poised to make another run. Northfield Mount-Hermon ought to be the most challenging opponent Andover faces; the team's play against NMH will be a measure of its potential to extend the season into the playoffs.

Worcester—Game 1

Andover picked up its first win against Worcester by the score of 5-3. Mahoney and Sax provided the punch at the plate, each going three for three, driving in a run, and scoring once. Sax,



Andover hitters couldn't get to the Harvard JV pitcher.

Photo / J. Mitchell

who also stole a base in the first inning, was happy to break out of the mini-slump he had suffered from in the previous few games. He also played exceptionally well in center, running down every ball that came near him and a few that didn't. Kevin Grant '98 also handled his fielding chores with aplomb, though he has been in a slump at the plate for the last three games.

Sax and Dent each scored in the first inning, and Andover never looked back. It was Dent's triple on a deep shot to right that brought the leadoff hitter home, while Dent himself scored on a single by Mahoney.

Over the next four innings, Palmer, Geoff Bough '99, and Mahoney all scored, but the real story was the pitching of Hordon. The hard-throwing righty fanned ten Worcester hitters and scattered three runs over seven innings. That he pitched a complete game is impressive enough, but according to Farson Hordon was throwing with just as much heat in the bottom of the seventh as in the bottom of the first. He has also developed

some good off-speed pitches to complement his fastball and slider.

Worcester—Game 2

Its pitching just as solid and its hitting even more potent, Andover cleaned up in the second game. Before coming away with an 8-3 victory, the boys stole five bases and abused the Worcester fielders with a succession of sac flies, sac bunts, and hit and run plays.

The story of the contest was Dent, who exploded at the plate. Dent stole two of the bases himself, as well as driving in Palmer, who was playing first base, and Ryan Gallagher '99, who stepped in for Bough in right. Also enjoying a fine game was Chris Meserole '98.

Meserole reached base three times on a single, a walk, and after being hit, and scored in the second to put the Blue ahead for good. Finally, Sax had another productive day at the plate; his sixth inning triple drove in two.

Again, also, the starting pitching

anchored the boys and insured a victory. Brian Heighington turned in another solid performance on the mound, scattering three runs and seven hits over six innings while striking out three Worcester hitters and picking up the victory. Palmer pitched a perfect inning of relief, striking out one and retiring the side with a steady diet of fastballs.

Worcester was probably the toughest high-school foe Andover has had to face in the young season, and the Blue outthit, outpitched, and outfielded its opponents.

Harvard JV

A disappointing six to four home loss to Harvard JV capped off the team's week. Despite the fact that the game was inconsequential, it was the first blemish on the team's record and ended what with scrimmages had been a seven game winning streak.

The loss was no fault of Mahoney, who started the game and lasted five innings. Harvard unleashed in the first inning, scoring four without getting out and eventually batting around. But the next four innings saw the Crimson piece together only two runs while Andover steadily caught up.

Unfortunately, the boys didn't have enough time to catch up completely, managing to tally only four in the last three innings.

Most disturbing is the fact that the

Blue left nine runners on base and that the meat of the order could not get going. Only Dent was effective at the plate, picking up a single for an RBI, a walk that scored another run, and getting hit twice.

Mahoney helped his own cause with an RBI single, but the team could not muster enough hits against the wild but strong Harvard pitcher.

The highlight of the game came in the fourth inning. As Harvard was threatening to add to its lead with the bases loaded, the Crimson cleanup man hit a weak pop up to leftfield. Though the hit was shallow, it was a no-brainer for the runner on third to tag up. However, Dent came up with the ball, crow-hopped, and threw a bullet that reached Farson on one hop.

They say the most exciting play in baseball is the collision between catcher and runner, and Farson certainly didn't let the fans down. The monstrous collision shook up a cloud of dust, out of which Farson emerged holding the ball proudly. The shaken Harvard runner retired to his dugout, and the inning was over.

With about fifteen games remaining in the season, the Andover baseball team is just hitting a groove. With a solid rotation, good relief pitching, and a lineup that has hitters from top to bottom, the boys only have injury to fear.

ANDOVER 5, WORCESTER 3

ANDOVER	AB	R	H	RBI	BB
Sax, cf	3	1	3	0	0
Grant, ss	2	0	0	1	0
Heighington, 3b	4	0	0	0	0
Dent, lf	4	1	1	1	0
Mahoney, 2b	3	1	3	1	1
Farson, c	2	0	0	0	2
Hordon, p/rb	4	0	0	0	0
Palmer, lb	3	1	2	1	0
Bough, rf	1	1	1	0	1
Totals	26	5	10	4	4
WORCESTER	AB	R	H	RBI	BB
Kelly, cf	4	1	1	0	0
Simone, ss	2	1	0	0	2
Mastropaula, p	3	0	3	2	1
Raustinger, c	3	0	2	0	0
Johnson, rf	4	0	1	0	0
Stewart, lb	3	0	0	0	1
Ross, lf	3	1	1	0	0
Mann, 3b	3	0	0	0	0
Early, 2b	3	0	1	0	0
Totals	28	3	9	2	4

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SB(PA) 1(HD) SAC(PA) 2(Sax, Grant, PB(PA) 1, (W) 2, BB(PA) 1(HD) SB(PA) 1(HD)

Andover	IP	R	ER	H	K	BB	WP
Hordon	7	3	3	9	10	4	1
Worcester	IP	R	ER	H	K	BB	WP
Mastropaula	6	5	4	10	1	4	0

ANDOVER 8, WORCESTER 3

ANDOVER	AB	R	H	RBI	BB
Sax, cf	4	0	1	2	0
Grant, ss	4	0	0	0	0
Mahoney, 3b	3	1	0	0	1
Dent, lf	4	3	2	1	0
Turner, c	3	1	1	0	0
Heighington, p	3	0	1	1	0
Meserole, 2b	1	1	0	0	1
Palmer, lb/p	2	1	1	1	1
Gallagher, rf	1	1	0	0	1
Totals	25	8	6	6	3
WORCESTER	AB	R	H	RBI	BB
Kelly, lf	4	0	2	0	0
Simone, ss	4	0	0	0	1
Mastropaula, lb	4	0	0	0	0
Raustinger, c	3	0	0	0	0
Johnson, rf	3	1	1	0	0
Stewart, p/rb	3	0	0	0	1
Ross, lf	3	2	2	0	0
Fisher, db/p	3	0	2	2	0
Zaitcheck, 2b	1	0	0	0	1
Alton, 3b	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	28	3	7	3	2

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SB(PA) 1(Sax) SAC(PA) 2(Gallagher, PB(PA) 0, (W) 2, BB(PA) 1(HD) SB(PA) 1(HD)

Andover	IP	R	ER	H	K	BB	WP
Heighington	6	3	3	7	3	2	0
Palmer	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Worcester	IP	R	ER	H	K	BB	WP
Stewart	6	8	5	6	3	3	0

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With a mix of fresh faces and returning leaders, this year's baseball team will be an exciting one to watch. The team's strengths lie in its reli-

infield and its power hitting, but missing third baseman and designated hitter Mike Turner '00 expects the team to be well-rounded. "The players joining the squad this year have stepped up and filled the positions that were weak last year, and those which were vacated by retiring seniors. The one thing about this year's team is that there are no glaring holes in the field or our lineup."

Pitching, always the biggest question mark on a high school team, has proved since last year. While the pitchers last year threw hard, they had control problems and, according to returning catcher Brett Farson '99, also had problems changing speeds effectively. Newcomers Marc Hordon '00 and Post-graduate Mark Mahoney bolster a staff that returns seniors Chris Meserole and Brian Heighington and upper Matt Palmer.

Perhaps the greatest asset the '98 team has is its fielding up the middle. Farson dons the pads as a fixture in the starting lineup for the first time, but is confident that he can handle the chores behind the plate. Though his arm was not tested in the first two scrimmages, he proved that he could ably field wild balls and pitches in the dirt. The double-play duo of Kevin Grant '98 and Mahoney seems quick and sure. Grant in particular promises to be a standout in the field—with a remarkable range and a solid throwing arm, he will sweep the entire left-side of the infield. Grant and Mahoney also wield big bats—Mahoney is a hitter in the power mold, while Grant should hit for a high average.

Behind Mahoney and Grant, centerfielder Ryan Sax '98 has a great arm but questionable range. It is as a hitter that Sax should be most valuable to the Blue: from the leadoff position, Sax is the first prototypical run producer Andover has had in the past five years. His speed and baserunning skills will put him in scoring position for the third and fourth hitters, and in the early-season scrimmages he has already distracted pitchers with his presence on the basepaths.

Rounding out the infield, Heighington will hold down the responsibilities at third, while Shane Waldron '98 will provide a large target at first.

though, Waldron's speed and range are untested, his sure-handedness allows him to recover most of the balls hit his way. Heighington's strong arm makes him an excellent third baseman. Although both Heighington and Waldron will bat late in the order, expect both of these power hitters to clean up in the RBI department.

The outfield will shoulder most of the hitting responsibilities in the lineup. Along with Sax, leftfielder Dent and rightfielder Hordon will hit from the middle of the batting order, and will be expected to add the dimension of power to Andover's offensive arsenal. Dent returns for his third year on the team as captain, coming off of a season in which he hit above four hundred and was named a regional all-star by the Boston Globe. Farson commented, "As an offensive weapon, Tony was a huge help on last year's team. As a leader he becomes our most valuable player."

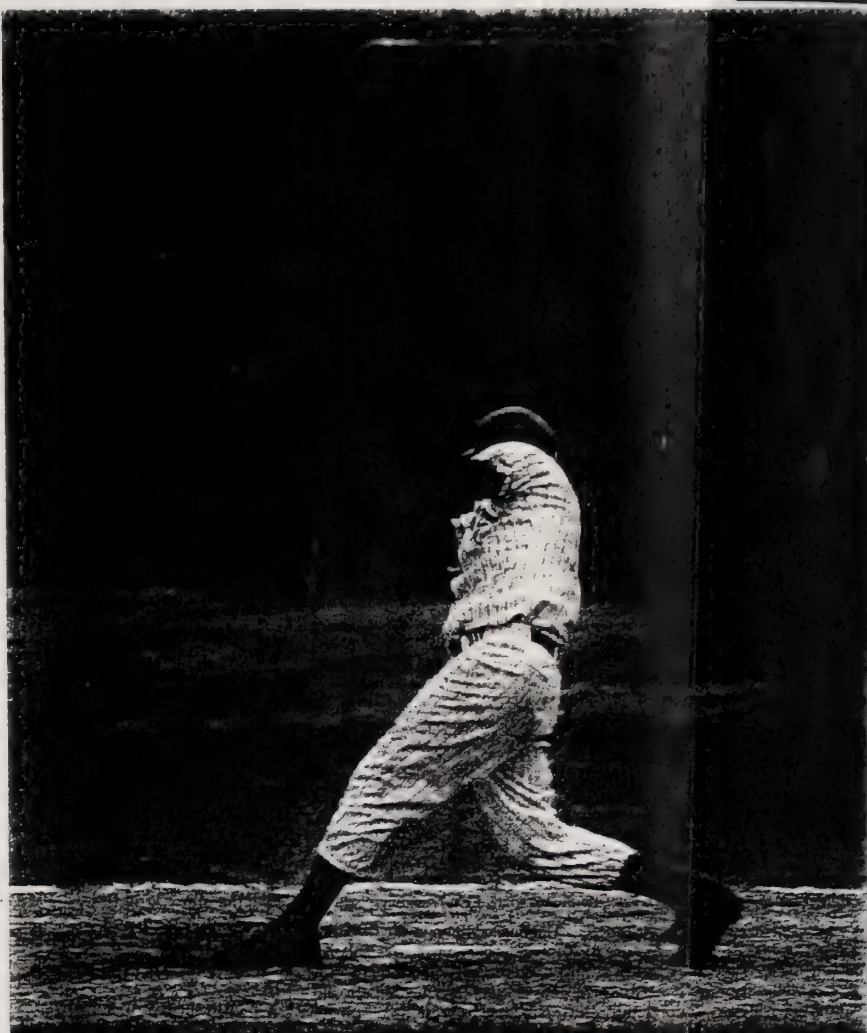
The most interesting part of the team to watch will be the pitching. It will also be the most worrisome for Coach Cline; though the team has at least five good arms in potential starting roles, only Heighington and Palmer have a lot of experience in the league. Also, Hordon, who is expected to step into the one slot in the rotation, has had some control problems. In addition to this, the speed of his pitches is not tempered by a lot of motion or curve. Coaches will work with him to improve his change-up and his slider throughout the season, but expect him to hit his stride only about a quarter of the way through the spring. Mahoney, the team's second starter, has good control and a variety of pitches, and should anchor the rotation with a solid outing every time he heads to the mound. The third and fourth spots in the rotation are up for grabs, with the returners as well as newcomer Davis Thurber '00 vying for time on the hill. Those who don't start will shore up the bullpen, which may also include third baseman Turner.

Meserole and Turner will also fill any infield spots opened up when Mahoney or Heighington pitches, and both will add to the lineup solid hitting and smart baserunning. When Palmer's not pitching he can also shore up any holes in the infield.

In the two scrimmages that began the boys' season, Andover drubbed both of its opponents. In an 12-1 victory over the all PG school Bridgton, the Blue dominated all facets of the game. If the team's pitching develops and several role players step up throughout the season, the boys could be in for one of the best seasons in school history.

North Andover

In its first real game of the season,



The baseball team got the bats going early against North Andover. Mike Turner '00, shown above, swings fiercely at a North Andover offering.

Photo / L. Hooper

the Andover boys' varsity baseball team came out swinging. Ultimately crossing the plate twelve times, the Blue leapt ahead of North Reading in the first two innings on the strength of a triple by Post-graduate centerfielder Ryan Sax and an RBI by Brian Heighington '98. Starting Pitcher Mark Mahoney '98, though he began the game with some control problems, settled into a groove and held North Reading scoreless for four consecutive innings.

In the fourth inning, with PA ahead by four runs, Brett Farson '98 blew the game open when he drove Mahoney and Tony Dent '98 in on a single through the right side of the infield. Farson, who was 1-2 with two walks and had a solid showing behind the

plate, said that, "the momentum really shifted when Mahoney started to pitch well and we started to hit, around the third or fourth inning." Indeed, after the bug fourth inning Andover began to cruise, putting up a run or two each frame and settling behind Mahoney. Hard-throwing Matt Palmer '99 entered the game in relief in the sixth inning, handling North Reading's batsmen with relative ease.

The Blue win came despite the fact that Shane Waldron '98, Mike Turner '00, and Marc Hordon '00 all sat the game out with tired arms. All three should be ready for the boys' next outing against Wilbraham and Monson Saturday, a game in which fans may see Hordon's strong but erratic arm for the first time.

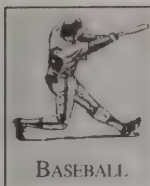
1998 Baseball Team Roster

Geoff Bough
Tony Dent
Steve Dietz
Brett Farson
Ryan Gallagher
Kevin Grant
Brian Heighington
Marc Hordon
Mark Mahoney
Chris Meserole
Mark Ottariano
Matt Palmer
Ryan Sax
Davis Thurber
Mike Turner
Shane Waldron

Baseball Splits with NMH, Beats W&M

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For most sports teams, a 2-1 week is a success, and especially so when the two wins bring the team's record 7-2. For Andover's boys'

varsity baseball team, however, a loss in the second game of the Northfield Mount-Hermon doubleheader marks a small setback. NMH was the only high school team in the same echelon as Andover; the sting of the loss is compounded by the fact that the Blue led for thirteen of the fourteen innings the teams played against each other, falling behind only when several infield errors led to three NMH runs. Still, Coach Cline and his players may take comfort in the knowledge that Andover clearly fielded a team superior to the Hoggers. Three weekends from now, when the high school tournament begins, the Blue will be the clear favorite. Deerfield remains the only obstacle still standing in the baseball team's way, and NMH disposed of that team with ease. Unless one of Andover's key players injures himself or the pitching rotation is disrupted, Andover ought to have a clean path to the championship.

NMH—Game 1

Andover won easily in the first game of the double header, defeating the Hoggers by the score of 4-1 behind the arm of Marc Hordon '00. The hard throwing rightly allowed a single earned run in the fourth, but scattered six hits over seven innings for the vic-

tory. The performance gave Hordon a 4-0 record on the season and has affirmed all the expectations he created before the season.

The game, unlike Andover's others of the season, was low-scoring, and the Blue had to manufacture a run. After Brian Heighington '98 reached base in the third, Brett Farson '99 bunted the runner to second. A slap single from rightfielder Geoff Bough brought the senior across the plate. Tony Dent '98 also had an RBI and scored, continuing his dominance of the league's pitching. The week saw Dent's average lifted thirty points to above five hundred. Finally, Mark Mahoney '98 crossed the plate on a sac fly.

The game's other story was the team's good fielding, particularly in the infield. It was the Blue's first errorless game of the season. Unfortunately, the team lapsed in the second game with five errors, each more costly than the next.

NMH—Game 2

Entering the seventh inning of the second NMH game, the Blue held a small but solid 3-2 lead. The bats of Dent, Shane Waldron '98 and Kevin Grant '98 had provided the runs. Grant's hit was the most important. In the fifth, the hard-hitting shortstop drove a single over the first baseman's head to score Bough. Also, relief pitcher Matt Palmer '99 had taken over for starter Heighington in the sixth, and had continued to shut down the opposition's attack. In an unlikely sequence of events, however, the Blue lost both its lead and the game.

While Andover failed to score in the top of the seventh yielded, the coaches were confident that Palmer would close out the game. The bottom of the NMH order was coming up, and the Palmer got the first batter of the bottom of the inning out on a harmless pop-fly. Then, the middle of the infield broke down. Over the next six at-bats, the usually sure-handed Mahoney and Grant committed five



Matt Palmer '99 held down W&M, while Andover's offense scored 18 runs

Photo / J. Mitchell

errors. In the words of Farson, however, "Only one of the five was a legitimate error, so the NMH scorer must have been feeling a little bit unfriendly." A throwing error by Grant proved the costliest, allowing the winning run to cross the plate.

Despite the mistakes, not a single member of the team or coaching staff lost faith in the ability of the middle infield. Mike Turner '00 said, "It was just one of those quirky things that can happen in baseball. Just got to shake it off and come out to play the next game."

Wilbraham and Monson

The boys certainly managed to shake off the loss, coming back to beat Wilbraham and Monson by the score of 17-4. Giving Kevin Grant a break, Coach Cline started Davis Thurber '00 at shortstop; the inexperienced lower's two errors accounted for two W&M runs. Grant pinch-hit in the fourth, walking, stealing a base, and then scoring.

The scoresheet of the game is black with the marks for runs; ten players on the PA roster crossed the plate. The highlights came early in the game; Dent, who went four for four, drove in two with a stand-up triple to deep, deep right. Two innings later, the left-handed Dent hit it 380 feet the opposite way, driving in Ryan Sax '98. Sax also had an excellent day at the plate, beginning the game with a single, a stolen base, and a run.

The player of the game was probably Farson. He dispelled mumblings that his arm is weak by nailing a runner trying to steal second, then nearly picking off a runner at first whose lead was a step too long. He also reached base four times, on two walks, a single, and a double. Farson's final duty, calling the game for Palmer and then Chris Meserole '98, went smoothly too. One nervous moment came when Farson

got whacked on the hand by the batter and had to leave the game for one pitch.

Turner provided fireworks in the sixth with a deep shot to left-center. Cline waved the third baseman to third, but Turner couldn't leg it out and the W&M centerfielder made a great throw. Still, the hit drove in two.

In a last-ditch effort, Wilbraham and Monson brought in a 5'2" submarine-style pitcher. Even he couldn't hold back the PA arsenal; the scoreboard was turned off in the sixth.

With the season hitting its final stretch, Andover looks golden. Solid pitching, great hitting, and a great leader in Dent make the possibility of a championship banner seem more distinct daily.

ANDOVER 4, NMH 1 (Game 1)

ANDOVER	AB	R	H	RBI	BB
Sax, cf	4	1	1	1	0
Grant, 2b	2	0	0	0	0
Heighington, 3b	3	0	1	0	0
Dent, lf	3	1	1	1	0
Mahoney, 2b	3	0	2	1	0
Farson, c	2	0	0	0	0
Palmer, 1b	3	1	1	0	0
Hordon, p	3	1	1	1	0
Bough, rf	3	0	0	0	0
Totals	26	4	7	4	0

NMH	AB	R	H	RBI	BB
Peller, 2b	3	0	0	0	0
Trainer, ss	3	1	1	0	0
Bergeron, p	3	0	0	1	0
Gifford, dh	3	0	1	0	0
Weiner, p	3	0	1	0	0
Neary, 1b	3	0	0	0	0
Beattie, c	3	0	0	0	0
Millard, rf	3	0	1	0	0
Beatrice, cf	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	24	1	4	1	0

Andover	100	100	2	4	7	0
NMH	000	001	11	1	4	2

2B-(PA)5 (Sax, Dent, Mahoney, Palmer, Hordon) PB-(PA)1 (Hordon) SAC-(PA)2 (Grant, Farson), (NMH)1 (Millard)

Andover	IP	R	ER	H	K	BB	WP
Hordon, w	7	1	1	7	6	0	1
NMH							
Weiner, l	7	4	4	4	6	0	0

NMH 4, ANDOVER 3 (Game 2)

ANDOVER	AB	R	H	RBI	BB
Sax, cf	3	2	1	0	0
Mahoney, 3b	3	0	1	0	0
Heighington, p/h	2	0	0	1	1
Dent, lf	3	0	0	0	0
Mahoney, 2b	3	0	0	0	0
Turner, c	3	1	1	0	0
Waldron, 1b	3	0	0	0	0
Grant, ss	3	0	1	1	0
Gallagher, rf	3	0	0	0	0
Totals	26	3	4	2	1

NMH	AB	R	H	RBI	BB
Peller, 2b	2	3	0	0	2
Trainer, ss	2	0	0	1	0
Bergeron, p	4	0	2	1	0
Gifford, 3b	3	0	0	1	1
Weiner, dh	2	0	0	0	0
Neary, 1b	3	0	0	0	0
Beattie, c	3	0	0	0	0
Millard, rf	3	1	0	0	0
Beatrice, cf	3	0	0	0	0
Totals	0	4	2	3	3

Andover	111	000	0	3	4	5
NMH	101	000	0	4	2	2

2B-(PA)1 (Sax) PB-(NMH)1 (Bergeron) SAC-(NMH)2 (Trainer)

Andover	IP	R	ER	H	K	BB	WP
Heighington, w	6.6	4	1	2	2	3	1
NMH							
Bergeron, l	7	3	2	4	6	1	0

ANDOVER 17, W&M 4

ANDOVER	AB	R	H	RBI	BB
Sax, cf	3	3	3	1	0
Galagher, cf	1	1	1	0	0
Mahoney, 2b	2	2	2	2	0
Grant, 2b	2	2	2	1	1
Heighington, 3b	2	1	1	0	1
Turner, 3b	2	0	0	2	0
Dent, lf	3	1	1	5	0
Ottariano, lf	2	1	1	0	0
Palmer, p/lb	5	1	1	2	0
Waldron, 1b	3	0	0	0	0
Meserole, p	1	0	0	0	0
Farson, c	2	2	2	1	0
Dietz, dh	3	2	2	0	1
Bough, rf	4	2	2	2	0
Totals	35	18	19	16	3

WILBRAHAM	AB	R	H	RBI	BB
Leak, ss/p	3	0	0	2	0
Cole, p/ss	3	1	1	1	1
Peterson, cf	4	1	1	0	0
Bouknight, 1b	2	0	0	0	1
Lincoln, dh	3	0	1	0	0
Carrier, lf	3	0	0	0	1
LaMarche, 2/3b	2	1	0	0	3
Pearson, c	0	0	0	0	1
Silverman, 2b	2	1	0	0	0
Sugiyama, 3b	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	22	4	3	3	7

Wilbraham	002	001	1	4	3	4
Andover	257	013	x	18	19	1

3B-(PA)2 (Dent, Bough) 2B-(PA)4 (Turner, Dent, Ottariano, Farson) PB-(PA)1; (W)2 SB-(PA)4 (Sax, 2 Mahoney, Farson), (W)2 (Bouknight, Cole)

Andover	IP	R	ER	H	K	BB	WP
Palmer, w	4	2	2	3	6	1	0
Meserole	3	2	1	0	1	6	0
Wilbraham							
Cole, l	2	7	6	8	1	2	0
Leak	2	7	5	5	0	0	0
Sugiyama	2	3	3	6	0	1	0

BASEBALL AVERAGES

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BATTING

NAME	G	TAB	AB	R	H	RBI	Avg.	2B	3B	HR	BB	SB	SLG	OBP
Bough	9	31	27	8	11	11	.407	0	1	0	4	3	.481	.581
Dent	11	43	36	15	15	16	.417	4	4	0	7	3	.750	.558
Farson	8	29	19	10	4	4	.211	1	0	0	9	1	.236	.517
Gallagher	6	12	9	3	3	3	.333	0	0	0	1	0	.333	.500
Grant	11	41	34	10	9	6	.265	2	0	1	5	1	.412	.341
Heighington	11	39	33	7	12	4	.364	1	0	0	6	0	.394	.487
Hordon	6	17	15	3	3	2	.200	1	0	0	2	1	.267	.294
Mahoney	9	31	26	7	10	7	.385	1	1	0	5	2	.500	.548
Meserole	9	20	16	3	3	6	.188	1	0	0	2	1	.250	.300
Ottariano	5	4	4	1	2	0	.500	1	0	0	0	0	.750	.500
Palmer	10	29	24	7	10	8	.417	1	0	0	5	0	.458	.552
Sax	11	42	36	11	14	6	.389	4	2	0	5	4	.611	.524
Turner	9	27	23	9	6	5	.261	1	0	0	2	0	.304	.444
Waldron	4	13	13	1	4	3	.308	0	0	0	0	0	.308	.308
TOTALS	11	387	323	97	106	82	.328	18	8	1	54	16	.443	.470

PITCHING

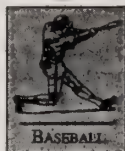
NAME	App.	W	L	ERA	IP	H	CG	ER	BB	HP	SO	Sv.
Heighington	4	3	1	1.77	23.67	15	2	6	7	1	18	0
Hordon	4	3	0	1.17	24	20	3	4	9	1	27	0
Mahoney	3	2	1	2.19	16	16	1	5	5	3	22	0
Meserole	1	0	0	2.33	3	0	0	1	6	1	1	0
Palmer	4	1	0	2.80	10	4	0	4	3	0	10	0
TOTALS	11	9	2	1.83	76.68	55	6	20	30	6	78	0

Baseball Receives Third Seed for Tomorrow's NEPSAC Tournament

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by Charlie B. Finch III
PHILLIPIAN SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

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Even a resounding 7-4 triumph against the perennially strong Tabor could not compensate for the disappointment the boys felt after a loss at home to Deerfield on

Saturday. While the loss has little bearing on the tournament—Deerfield will now have last licks in tomorrow's opening playoff game—it gives Deerfield a great deal of confidence while casting a shadow of doubt in the minds of Andover players. The return of Mark Mahoney '98, Andover's ace pitcher, is somewhat reassuring, while the Blue's hitters have been lighting up opponents' pitching in the late season.

Regardless of all this speculation, however, tomorrow is D-Day. The seeds are as follows: number one, Northfield Mount-Hermon, will play number four, Worcester; Number three, Andover, will play the two seed, Deerfield. The tourney, on unfamiliar terrain at Holy Cross, is always completely unpredictable. Andover has gone in the favorite and lost in the first round, while three years ago they won as the three seed. No matter what happens, Andover's 11-3 regular season stands as one of the team's best in recent years.

Deerfield

The slanted rain flew onto the field Saturday, getting progressively worse as the game wore on. At first the drizzle only impeded the batters' vision slightly, but towards the end of the game everything was muddy and visibility was low. Chris Meserole '98 said, "Nobody wants to play in that kind of weather. You could get injured, you can't see." Despite the conditions, however, the Blue managed to carry a 2-0 lead into the fourth inning. In the late innings, however, Deerfield got its licks in, putting

together four runs in the fourth, two in the sixth, and one in the seventh. The Blue fell by the final score of 7-2.

Marc Hordon '99, usually a sure thing on the mound, lost his first game of the season. The Deerfield hitting was the best Andover has seen all year, including that of tournament number one seed NMH. Hordon was able to maintain his composure through the third, but the meat of the lineup came up in the fourth for NMH. The first two batters of the inning doubled back-to-back, scoring one run. After a lineout, two Deerfield singles, and a strikeout (Hordon's third), an NMH batter cleared the bases and ended up on third. He came home before Hordon forced a ground out to Kevin Grant '98.

This inning inspired Deerfield, while it had the opposite effect on Andover; the demoralized PA hitters couldn't string together two hits for the rest of the game. The closest Andover came was in the sixth, when captain Tony Dent '98 drilled a ball about 375 feet to deep right. What might have been a triple ended up with Dent on second rubbing his leg, but the PA fans knew Mahoney was stepping up. Mahoney jumped on the first pitch, hitting a screaming liner between short and second that the shortstop somehow managed to get to. He had an easy job of stepping on the bag to double up the startled Dent.

Mahoney also scored a run in the third, on a bunt by Brett Farson '99 and a single by Hordon, and drove in Dent in the third. Unfortunately, nobody besides Mahoney had a very good day.

Tabor

Andover thumped an inferior Tabor team on a day when the real story was the return of Mahoney to the mound. PA's top starter has been sidelined with a broken finger for two weeks, missing his starts on the hill. Wednesday, however, he looked composed and healthy. Though he pitched only one inning, he made the most of it, fanning the first three hitters in a row.

Following Mahoney was Brian Heighington '98, who pitched for an inning and allowed one run. By this time Andover had scored three runs.

Dent and Mahoney each had an RBI, while Ryan Sax '98 worked the base paths for a run. Mark Ottariano '00 also had a break-out game, scoring and driving in Fa run. Dent came around the base paths again in the fifth, scoring on a sac-fly from Farson. The Blue never trailed.

After Heighington, Davis Thurber '00 allowed three runs in two innings, then Matt Palmer '99 pitched three scoreless frames. Whether Coach Andy Cline's effort to get all of his pitchers warmed up will prove effective remains to be seen. Farson commented that "The best pitcher should always pitch the first game on a two-game day," so that Cline definitely would err if he chose not to pitch Mahoney, the staff's top starter. If not Mahoney, Heighington will probably pitch the first game, followed by Hordon in the second.

Andover has lost to two of the three other teams in the tourney, but can undoubtedly put up victories against all three teams. At this point, fans and writers alike can only wish the boys in Blue luck.

ANDOVER 7, TABOR 4

ANDOVER	AB	R	H	RBI	BB
Sax, cf	4	0	1	0	0
Grant, ss	3	1	2	1	1
Mahoney, p	4	0	0	0	0
Dent, lf	3	1	2	1	1
Heighington, 3b/p	2	2	0	0	2
Walton, lb	3	1	1	0	1
Farson, c	1	0	0	1	0
Turner, c	2	1	1	2	0
Ottariano, dh	3	1	2	1	0
Dietz, dh	1	0	0	0	0
Gallagher, rf	2	0	0	1	0
Bough, c	1	0	0	0	0
Meserole, 2b	0	0	0	0	0
Thurber, p	0	0	0	0	0
Palmer, p	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	29	7	9	6	4

TABOR	AB	R	H	RBI	BB
John, 2b	3	2	2	0	0
Gascan, 2b	1	0	1	0	0
Dow, ss	2	0	1	0	1
Calamus, p/3b	4	0	1	0	0
Posey, dh	4	0	1	2	0
Campbell, cf	2	1	2	0	1
Rosario, cf	0	0	0	0	0
Fallete, lf	3	0	0	0	1
O'Shaughnessy, c	4	0	0	1	0
McGrath, 3b	1	0	1	0	0
O'Brien	3	0	0	0	0
Benson, rf	2	1	1	0	0
Mendoza, rf	1	0	1	0	0
Totals	30	4	11	3	3

Andover	001	240	0	7	9
Tabor	011	200	0	4	11

2B-PA (Dent, Turner, Ottariano), SAC-PA (Farson); TA (Dow); 3B-PA (Grant, Dent).

Andover	IP	R	ER	H	K	BB	WP
Mahoney	1.0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Heighington	1.0	1	0	2	1	0	0
Thurber	2.0	3	3	6	0	1	0
Palmer(w)	3.0	0	0	3	2	2	0
Tabor							
Calamus	2.0	0	0	1	1	0	1
O'Brien	5.0	7	3	8	4	4	1

Baseball Slaughters Exeter – Twice

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Andover	9
Exeter	1

Andover	6
Exeter	1



A week of rain was the only thing that could stanch Andover's momentum; Saturday's double header forced a delay until Sunday, while the Cushing game set for Wednesday will be played this afternoon. When the boys did manage to get in some time on the field, they played superlatively, beating Exeter on both ends of the double-header and pushing the team's record to 10-2. The effort at Exeter was spearheaded by PG shortstop Kevin Grant, who, over his mid-season slump, is more confident at the plate, in the field, and in the dugout. Tomorrow's game against Deerfield will be a real litmus test for the boys, and may finally sort out the playoff situation. NMH, which has capitalized on the rule that 'out of league' wins count a point (compared to a league win's two points), will capture the first post unless it encounters

trouble in the season's final games. Andover will come in second, a huge advantage because it grants them home-field advantage, and Deerfield will in all likelihood grab the third spot. A young team like Worcester will slide into the four seed and be on a bus home after its first game. "Andover's best strategy would be to pitch its best pitcher first," says Mark Mahoney '98; he may well be the team's pick if his broken finger is healed. Assuming a win, Andover will put Marc Hordon '00 on the mound against NMH. Cline's unpredictable rotation may interfere with the team's play, but the lineup has settled pretty well.

Exeter-Game 1

Andover cruised on a surprisingly temperate Sunday in New Hampshire, beating Exeter 8-1 behind a complete game four-hitter from the phenomenal Hordon; who extended his perfect record to 6-0.

Captain Tony Dent '98 led the way at the plate with a two for four day, three RBI's, and a triple. Dent fed off the junk balls the Exeter pitchers fed him, and hit the ball hard each of his four times at the plate. Also having a good game was Grant, who went one for three with an RBI and fielded nine chances cleanly.

Brett Farson '99, who knocked in a

few with a single and walked in one for two performance and handled catching chores, commented "I think the batters kept missing because they were staring at Hordon's earring." This and his three-pitch repertoire kept Exeter guessing. The only Exeter player with any success against Hordon was phenom Sam Fold (PEA) '00, who Mike Turner '00 called, "The best high school player I've ever seen."

Exeter-Game 2

The second game was just as easy for the Blue, as Brian Heighington '98 helped the team cruise to a 6-1 victory. In helping his own cause at the plate, Heighington also drove in Geoff Bough '99.

Dent provided more fireworks at the plate in the third inning, when he hit another triple to drive in two runs, then scored on an Exeter overthrow. Dent was lucky that Exeter coaches did not catch him miss the bag by about five feet; the umpires, who spotted Dent's mistake, didn't call him out as a result of the lack of protest from the coaches.

This was also the game in which Grant exploded for three hits. His slump, which had caused a one game benching and had extended over much of the season, is over just in time for the post-season.



Ryan Sax '98, pictured here swiping second base, has played well all season for the Big Blue.

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BASEBALL AVERAGES

BATTING

NAME	G	TAB	AB	R	H	RBI	Avg.	2B	3B	HR	BB	SB	SLG	OBP
Bough	9	31	27	8	11	11	.407	0	1	0	4	3	.481	.581
Dent	11	43	36	15	15	16	.417	4	4	0	7	3	.750	.558
Farson	8	29	19	10	4	4	.211	1	0	0	9	1	.236	.517
Gallagher	6	12	9	3	3	3	.333	0	0	0	1	0	.333	.500
Grant	11	41	34	10	9	6	.265	2	0	1	5	1	.412	.341
Heighington	11	39	33	7	12	4	.364	1	0	0	6	0	.394	.487
Hordon	6	17	15	3	3	2	.200	1	0	0	2	1	.267	.294
Mahoney	9	31	26	7	10	7	.385	1	1	0	5	2	.500	.548
Meserole	9	20	16	3	3	6	.188	1	0	0	2	1	.250	.300
Ottariano	5	4	4	1	2	0	.500	1	0	0	0	0	.750	.500
Palmer	10	29	24	7	10	8	.417	1	0	0	5	0	.458	.552
Sax	11	42	36	11	14	6	.389	4	2	0	5	4	.611	.524
Turner	9	27	23	9	6	5	.261	1	0	0	2	0	.304	.444
Waldron	4	13	13	1	4	3	.308	0	0	0	0	0	.308	.308
TOTALS	11	387	323	97	106	82	.328	18	8	1	54	16	.443	.470

PITCHING

NAME	App.	W	L	ERA	IP	CG	ER	BB	HP	SO	Sv.
Heighington	4	3	1	1.77	23.67	15	6	7	1	18	0
Hordon	4	3	0	1.17	24	2	4	9	1	27	0
Mahoney	3	2	1	2.19	16	1	5	5	3	22	0
Meserole	1	0	0	2.33	3	0	1	6	1	1	0
Palmer	4	1	0	2.80	10	0	4	3	0	10	0
TOTALS	11	9	2	1.83	76.68	55	20	30	6	78	0

ANDOVER 9, EXETER 1 (Game 1)

ANDOVER	AB	R	H	RBI	BB
Sax, cf	5	1	2	0	0
Grant, ss	4	2	3	1	1
Heighington, 3b	5	1	2	1	0
Dent, lf	4	1	2	2	0
Palmer, 1b	2	1	1	0	2
Turner, dh	2	1	1	1	0
Farson, c	4	1	1	2	0
Hordon, p	3	0	1	0	1
Bough, rf	3	1	0	1	1
TOTALS	32	9	13	8	4

EXETER	AB	R	H	RBI	BB
Johnson, 3b	4	0	0	0	0
Coleman, 2b	1	1	1	0	2
Fuld, cf	3	0	1	0	1
Higgins, lf	3	0	1	0	1
Boucher, 1b	3	0	0	0	1
Townsend, 1b	1	0	0	0	0
Wetsembourne, p	3	0	2	0	0
Robbins, c	3	0	1	0	1
MacMannis, rf	3	0	0	0	0
Solimine, ss	2	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	27	1	6	1	5

ANDOVER	215	000	1	9	13	2
EXETER	100	000	0	1	6	3
2B-(PA) 2(Dent, Grant)						
3B-(PA) 1(Hordon)						
HR-(PA) 1(Sax)						
ANDOVER	7P	R	ER	H	K	BB
Hordon	10	1	0	6	2	5
EXETER	6P	9	7	13	0	4
Higgins	6.0	9	7	13	0	0
Wetsembourne	1.0	0	0	0	0	0

ANDOVER 6, EXETER 1.

ANDOVER	AB	R	H	RBI
Sax, cf	5	0	1	0
Grant, ss	4	1	1	0
Heighington, p	2	1	0	1
Dent, lf	4	1	1	2
Waldron, 1b	3	0	2	0
Gallagher, rf	1	1	1	0
Turner, 3b	4	1	1	1
Farson, c	2	1	1	0
Meserole, 2b	2	0	0	1
Bough, rf	3	0	1	0
TOTALS	28	6	9	4

EXETER	AB	R	H	RBI
Solimine, ss/p	4	0	0	0
Coleman, 2b	4	0	0	0
Fuld, cf	3	1	0	0
Higgins, p, lf	2	0	2	1
Wetsembourne, dh	2	0	0	0
Boucher, lf, c	3	0	1	0
Townsend, 1b	3	0	1	0
MacMannis, rf	3	0	0	0
MacDonald, c	2	0	0	0
Robbins, p	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	27	1	4	1

ANDOVER	000	303	0	6	0
EXETER	100	000	0	1	4
2B-(PA) 1(Grant)					
3B-(PA) 1(Bough)					
HR-(PA) 1(Dent)					
ANDOVER	7P	R	ER	H	K
Heighington	7.0	1	1	4	7
EXETER	6.0	6	5	8	1
Robbins	1.0	0	0	1	1
Solimine					

Kevin Grant '98

"Kevin really stepped up in the tournament. His effort sparked the the team's victory."

-Brian Heighington '98

by Nick MacInnis

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS EDITOR

Kevin Grant came into his post-graduate season at Andover with very high expectations placed upon him. By his own admission he really did not live up to those expectations for most of the season. Then, eight games into the season Andy Cline, the manager of the team, decided to sit Kevin for a game. It worked wonders. Grant had a complete turnaround in his season which culminated in his 4-4 performance Saturday in Andover's opening round tournament win over Deerfield.

Grant came to PA from Mendon High School, a small public school in central Massachusetts with a rich baseball tradition. His brother, two years his elder, has a had a major influence on Kevin's life and is also his best friend. The two have plyed together on every level from Little League on up, and they constituted the middle infield positions for two years at Mendon High School, where their dad is the manager. At Mendon Kevin earned all-league honors twice and led his team to a sectional victory his senior season. Kevin's brother, after Grant's junior year in high school, told him that he that he should consider Amherst as he began to think about his college plans. After getting wait-listed at Amherst last year, Kevin turned his attentions to a post-graduate year and he eventually chose to attend Andover over Deerfield.

Because of his past success Kevin was billed as the player to fill the shoes of Hugh Quattelbaum '96, Andover's last great shortstop. Early on, though, he struggled with his average dipping down as low as .250 at one point. His hitting stroke was off and his strength, his glove work, was abandoning him. In his own words Kevin "had hit a rut." Coach Cline sat him for a game and from then on he played great baseball, making contact, getting on base, and shining in the field, making great defensive plays look effortless. His turnaround was highlighted by a monstrous leadoff homerun in Andover's victory over Wilbraham.

After a successful regular season, Andover went into the New England tournament seeded third behind NMH and Deerfield, the teams that handed Andover its only two league losses. Andover opened against Deerfield and Kevin immediatley sparked the team's offense with a leadoff double. He scored when fellow PG Mark Mahoney ripped a single up the middle. Grant recorded hits in his next three at-bats to finish the day 4-4, a performance every baseball player dreams of, especially a leadoff hitter. Grant scored the Blue's first run in the second game, too, as he tagged and scored from third on a Tony Dent sac fly. Overall in the two games Kevin went 5-7, knocked in three runs, scored four times, stole two bases, and committed not a single error.

In the fall Kevin was one of the two starting center midfielders on the varsity soccer team, and the one thing

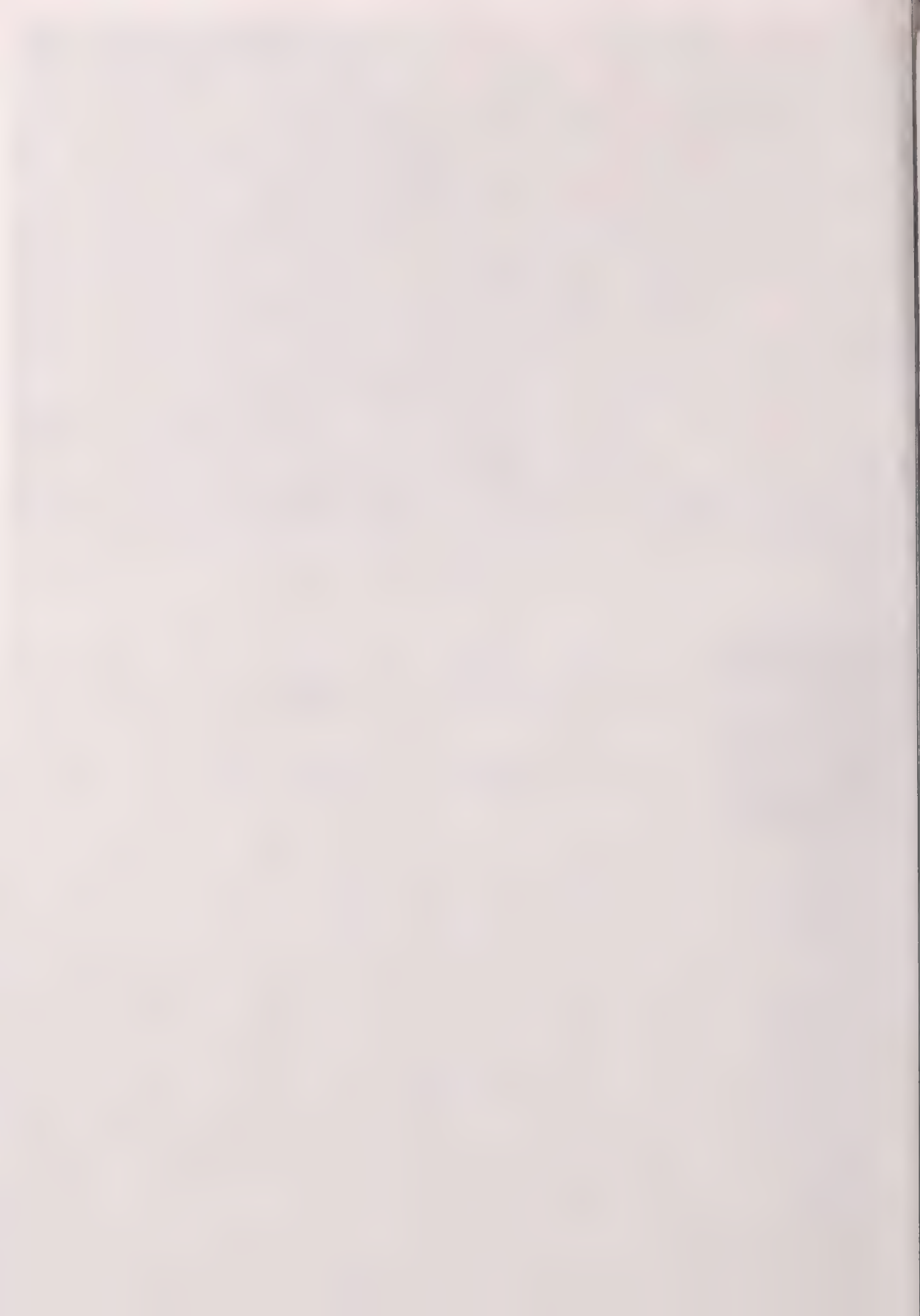


about his game that could never be questioned was his effort. Kevin sacrificed his body on many occasions, but always succeeded at controlling the center of the field for the Blue. This year, Kevin was accepted at Amherst early, and he will play soccer there next year. As far as baseball goes, Grant will back-up his brother at second base for a year, and then hopefully take over the starting reigns his sophomore year, he did not, however, rule out the option of moving back to shortstop eventually as his career progressed.

Andover was definitely the right decision, especially for helping him prepare for the academic rigors he will surely encounter at Amherst. He did go on to say though, that he is "definitely ready for college" and eagerly anticipates the start of the soccer preseason.

Post-season play is when the big-time players step up and Kevin did just that. Even after what started out as a subpar season Kevin shined when it mattered most- in the post-season, and if he continues to come up as big as he did on Saturday then he will surely enjoy much success in his collegiate career.

Kevin feels his prep year at



Baseball Takes Championship

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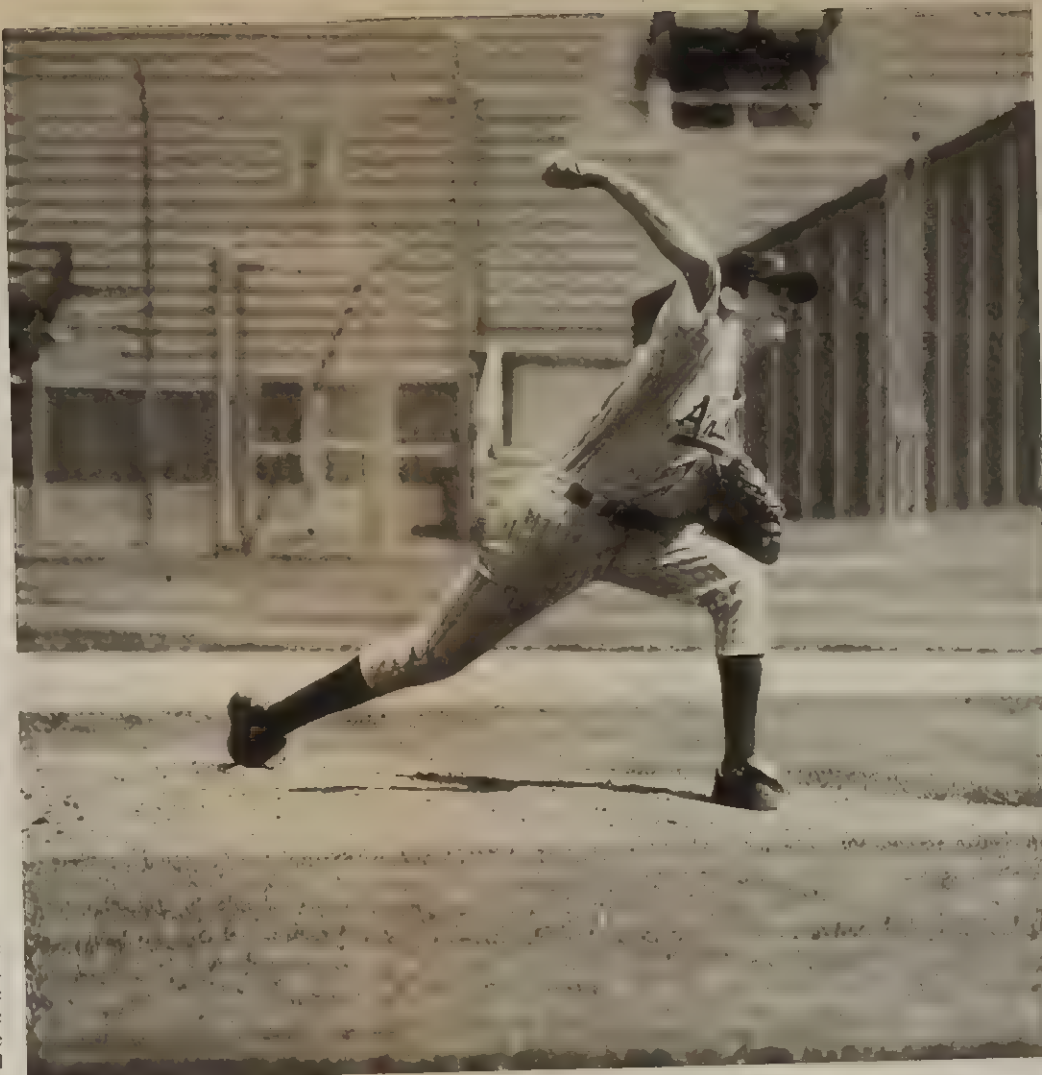
Worcester

Andover held a commanding lead through the entire second game of the day, and finished off its opponents in the sixth inning when Mike Turner '00, who was handling the catching duties, drove in Grant and Mahoney.

The first run of the game came on a four-hundred foot smash of a sac-fly from Dent; according to Turner, "Kevin Grant was basically able to walk home from third." Following Grant's score, Sax came home on the most exciting play in baseball, the squeeze bunt. While some would argue that the runner/catcher collision provides more bang for the buck, there is no moment of tension greater in baseball than the moment before the batter crosses the plate or else is tagged out. Stalwart performer Brian Heighington '98 pulled the bunt off.

The momentum shifted to the Blue after this, and Hordon cruised on the mound. The hard-thrower also pitched a complete game, while helping his own cause at the plate with an RBI and a run.

Since the beginning of the season, pundits like myself have said that the Blue had the power, speed, and chemistry to pull off a championship victory. Saturday marked the nexus of Andover's multiple talents, and also marked a consummation of the team's season-long aspirations. The Exeter game is the only contest left on Andover's schedule, and according to Coach Hale Sturges, "The post-tournament Exeter game is like a competitive exhibition; we work all our guys, but we really want to win." The Blue enters Exeter a heavy favorite, but the game is also heated. Regardless of the outcome, however, the boys have had an excellent season.



Deerfield

The Blue trekked out to Holy Cross for the tournament, jumping off the bus to play Deerfield at ten o'clock in the morning. Mahoney, who pitched a complete game and recorded seven strikeouts, controlled the tempo immediately, retiring Deerfield's first three batters in order. Mahoney has been the team's ace all year long, and he came up big in a must-win situation. Coach Chine made an excellent decision when he sent the lanky lefty out to the hill; your best pitcher can't go the second game if the team is out.

Fireworks at the plate were provided by a resurgent Kevin Grant '98, who finally ended talks that he had had a subpar season in the batter's box by getting hits in five of his seven at-bats and driving in three runs for the double dip. In the first inning Grant hit a stand-up double; Mahoney helped out his own cause by singling in the PG shortstop. From that point, with the floodgates open, the Blue scored in each of the next three innings. Mahoney himself scored once, while Grant tacked on another run in the third. Captain Tony Dent '98 also drove in a run; the leftfielder has been a consistent presence in the middle of the lineup for Andover all year long.

Mahoney, who scattered the four runs through the first five innings, was helped by a superlative team fielding effort. Brett Farson '99 gunned out one runner trying to steal second, and made a nice catch by the Deerfield dugout, while Grant didn't let anything get by him at short. The defense has been consistently good up the middle this season, anchored by Grant and Ryan Sax '98, and Saturday was no exception.

Behind once in the game, after the fourth inning, took control in the fifth and never looked back. After the game, expecting a break before playing Northfield-Mount Hermon, the boys were astonished to see that the hard-hitting team from Worcester had crushed the number one seed by the score of 8-0.



Mark Mahoney '98, top, led Andover to victory in its first-round game against Deerfield. Above, the boys celebrate PA's third title in four years, after the team beat Worcester 5-3 in the championship game.

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For Charlie Finch's complete coverage of Andover's third NEPSAC championship season in four years, see the Commencement issue, June 7.

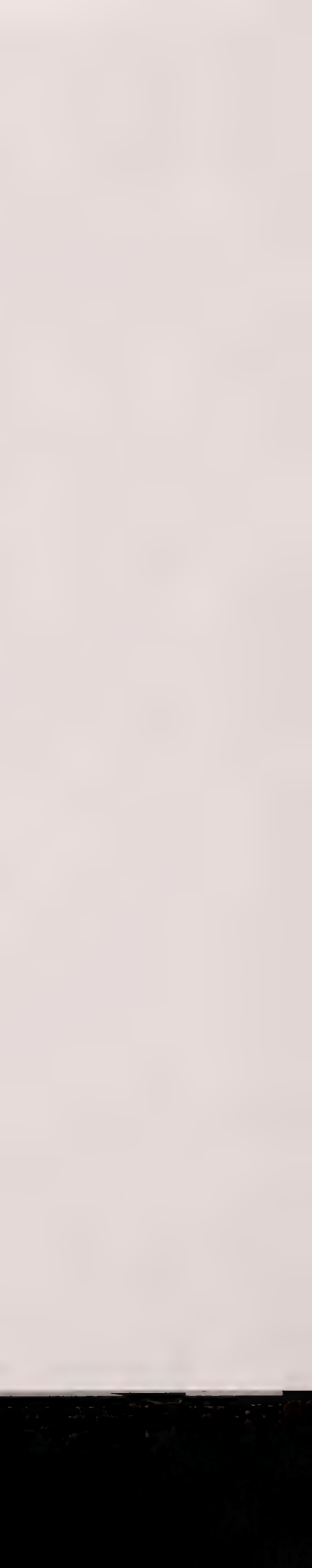
ANDOVER 6, DEERFIELD 4

ANDOVER	AB	R	H	RBI	BB
Sax, cf	4	2	2	2	0
Grant, ss	4	3	4	2	0
Mahoney, 9	4	1	3	2	0
Dent, lf	3	0	1	1	0
Heighington, 3b	3	0	0	1	0
Waldron, 1b	4	0	0	0	0
Turner, dh	4	0	0	0	0
Farson, c	2	0	0	0	0
Bough, rf	3	0	0	0	0
Meserole, 2b	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	31	6	10	6	0

DEERFIELD	AB	R	H	RBI	BB
Korhol, 2b	3	1	2	2	1
Hennes, ss	4	0	0	0	1
Hansen, 3b	4	0	2	0	0
Carberry, rf	3	0	1	0	0
Red, lf	4	0	1	1	0
Housh, c	2	0	0	0	0
Stark, dh	3	0	0	0	0
Kolaruk, lf	3	1	1	0	0
Smith, cf	0	2	0	0	1
Totals	26	4	7	3	3

Andover	101	010	3	6	10	1
Deerfield	003	000	1	4	7	0

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Baseball Standouts

Tony Dent '98

This season Tony Dent returns as the captain of what looks to be an excellent baseball team. With his leadership, the boys look to improve upon last years mediocre season and possibly win yet another New England Championship. Last season Tony lead the team in batting average, while also displaying solid defense in the field. He is an all around player who can hit both for power and average, and who is known for his speed and agility in left field. Already this year, Tony has asserted his presence on the field. The Princeton bound senior has "high expectations for this season" because their team is "full of talent. With solid pitching and great defense, we have the potential to win a championship if we can swing the bat well."

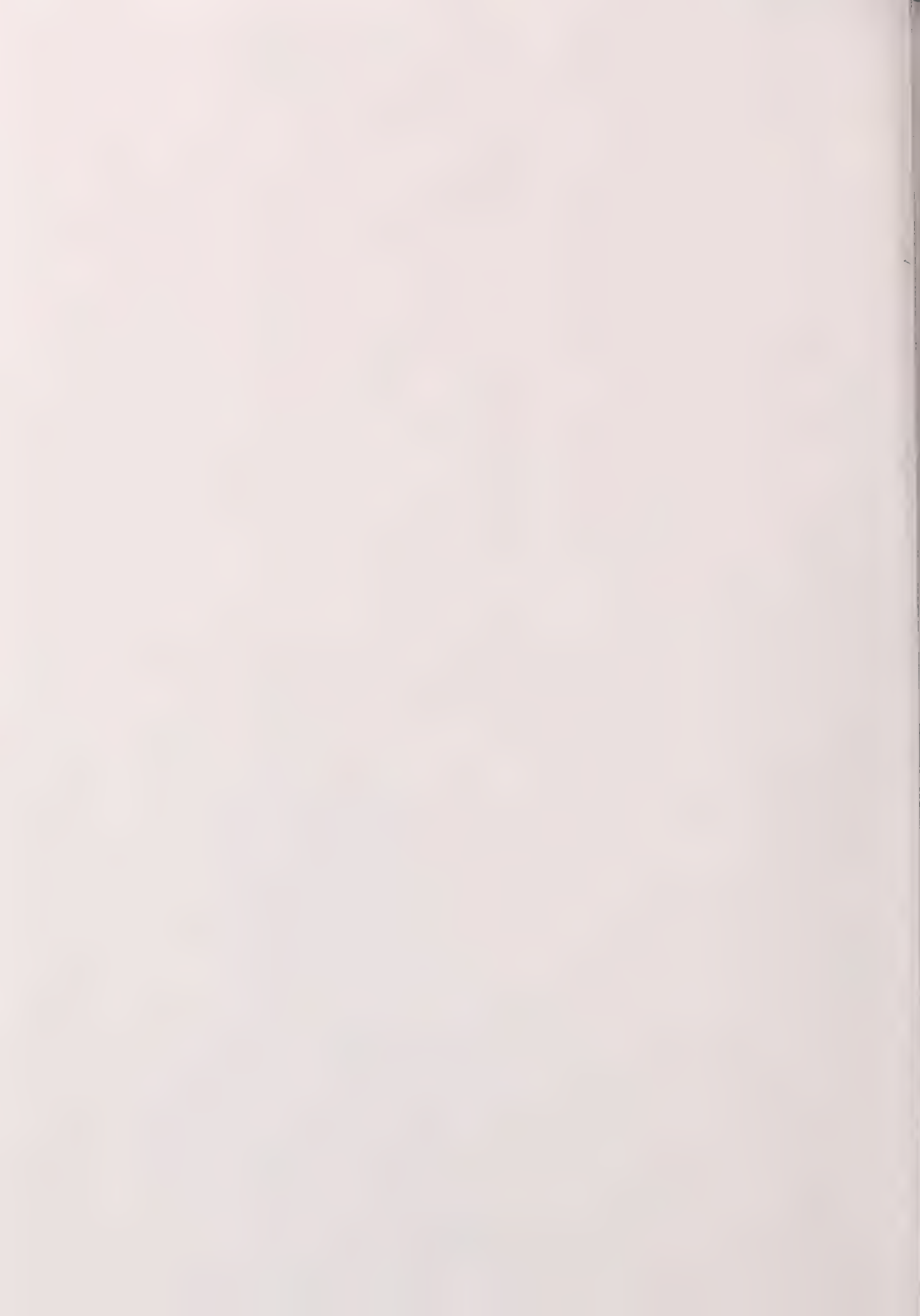
Kevin Grant '98

With his superb defense and sweet hitting stroke Kevin has the potential to become one of the most talented players in recent Andover baseball history. Last year, he starred on the Nipmuc Regional High School baseball team in central Massachusetts. With great footwork, soft hands, and good baseball instincts, the Amherst bound senior stands out at shortstop solidifying the team's defense. His quickness and agility not only make him a great baserunner, but also allow him to make sparkling defensive plays. At the plate Kevin is a superb contact hitter and will look to get on base and set the table for the middle of Andover's powerful line-up.

Mark Mahoney '98

Andover is thankful for the valuable addition of pitcher Mark Mahoney who brings superb talent to the mound for the Blue. Last year, he was a stand out at Newton North High School winning both the Newton Tribune and City of Newton Player of the Year Awards. He is by far one of the better pitchers that Andover has seen in past years. Mark throws three pitches, a fastball, curveball and a split-finger change-up, and with his accuracy, speed and varition of pitches, he is able to baffle batters. The Trnity bound senior says that Andover "has all the individual talent in the world. If we can come together as team, we will succeed and hopefully win a New England Chapi-onship." Mark believes that they have an "excellent starting nuclueus and a solid core of bench players." He will accept nothing less then a championship to cap his high school career.

April 10



SPORT: BOYS' CREW

YEAR: 1997-98

CAPTAIN: NATHANIEL KIRK
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: PETER WASHBURN
ASSISTANT COACHES:

SEASON RECORD

WON _____ LOST _____ TIED _____
5th at Interschols

LETTER WINNERS

Crew - BV
Accomando, Justin P.
Addison, Danny D.
Cody, Michael R.
Daniszewski, Jonathan E.
Denham, James S.
Elworthy, Brian R.
Fillipon, Ryan L.
Foss, Michael C.
Frechette, Zachary T.
Gaughen, Patrick R.
Huntoon, Daniel T. V., J
Kirk, Nathaniel T.(c)
McGowan, Michael F.
McKallagat, Christopher
Panich, Michael L.
Shih, Samantha M.
Tuchinda, Jay
Washburn, Hunter D.
Washburn, Spencer B.

With a Strong Preseason, Boys' Crew Hopes to Rebound from Last Year's Sub-Par Preformance

by Chris McKallagat
PHILLIPPIAN SPORTS WRITER



After a long winter, the boys' crew team is ready to shine on the water this spring. The long and grueling workouts during the winter term built a team of finely tuned rowers,

and created depth and strength for the varsity team.

The team returns a core group of twelve rowers and is completed by four newcomers. The first boat, led by Captain Nate Kirk, consists of six senior oarsmen: Brian Elworthy, Tom Huntoon, James Denham, Michael Panich, and Danny Addison, as well as three underclassmen, Patrick Gaugh-

en, Chris McKallagat, and coxswain, Samantha Shih.

The second boat boasts a group of talented and dedicated rowers. Due to their hard work during winter crew, they have the spirit and drive to be competitive in all their races this spring.

Captain Nate Kirk anticipates a successful season and concluded that, "With the tremendous strength and size of the boat, we hope to build upon last year's mediocre performance and turn a winter's worth of work into a winning season." Looking ahead to the season, Andover expects Exeter and St. Paul's to undoubtedly have strong crews. But, despite the stiff competition within their league, the boys still have the long-term goal of winning New England's. With their impressive

erg scores and strong technique the boys' hope for a New England title can definitely become a reality. With this substance, the first boat appears to have speed and confidence which will be crucial to its success this season.

Saturday's race promises to be a competitive one with Andover opening its season against two schools: the Kent School of Connecticut and the Bedford School of Britain, both of which have already had considerable practice time on the water. Summing up the season, Coach Peter Washburn says that, "The varsity boats are looking very strong and fast due to the depth. I am impressed with the work ethic of the entire group. I am also looking forward to working with the boys of the novice boats. They look to have an exciting season."

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Boys' Crew Takes Second in Worcester Invitational

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On Saturday, the boys' crew team traveled to the Worcester Invitational held on the famed Lake Quinsigamond. The field was extremely strong and boasted the likes of

Exeter, St. Johns, and defending New England Champions Tabor, as well as NMH and Simsbury. Both boys' boats battled hard and had impressive showings, losing only to quick Exeter crews.

In the boys' first boat race, Andover, having drawn a good lane, felt that they possessed the power and finesse that was necessary to overtake the other crews for a win. The race started quickly and Andover was three seconds behind after only 25 strokes. However, after battling hard through the rest of the first 500 meters, the Blue found themselves even with Exeter and two seconds up on St. John's. For the remainder of the race, both Exeter and Andover continued to

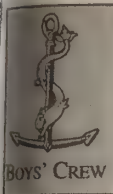
row hard, opening up a significant lead on the rest of the field. The race for first and second came down to the final 300 meters. Exeter raised their rating and began to sprint; however, Andover was unable to respond and ended up two seconds back at the finish line. Commented coach Washburn after the race, "We had a good row and I'm happy for the guys, but we have some things to work on that will make us faster."

The boys' second boat race was equally as close. After a rough start Andover fell to fourth place, but quickly came back after the first 500 meters to engage in a three way fight for the top spot with Exeter and St. John's. The three boats continued seesawing back and forth for the final 1000 meters, with Andover finally coming in a strong second behind Exeter.

Both Andover boats were pleased with their racing on Saturday and look forward to the rest of the season with confidence. The team now heads into a two week stretch without a race during which they hope to build the endurance and strength that is necessary for a successful boat.

Sinking Feeling for Boys' Crew as it Gets Swept by St. Paul's

5/8
by Chris McKallagat
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After two weeks of intense training during a race-less interim, the boy's crew team traveled to St. Paul's for a much anticipated dual meet.

Although St. Paul's is traditionally known as a powerhouse of New England prep crew, Andover felt that they had found the control and power that was necessary to challenge such an intense team during its two weeks off. Unfortunately, Andover's first boat was surprised by the accomplished oarsmen of a quick St. Paul's first eight. Its second boat met with the same fate as it too fell to a powerful St. Paul's team.

Andover's first boat spent the two weeks leading up to the race working on catches and leg drive.

The Blue, in hopes of creating a more controlled crew, moved Hunter Washburn '00 from the second boat to the first boat. With this new line-up and increased strength, the boat felt capable of contending with St. Paul's.

The race started quickly, and after only thirty strokes St. Paul's had jumped out to a boat length lead. Andover was able to remain composed and continued to row their own race. Throughout the fifteen hundred meter course, the Blue tried repeatedly to regain the lead.

However, St. Paul's always found the extra energy necessary to hold off the fast charging Andover. The race ended just as it had been after the first thirty strokes, with St. Paul's ahead by

a boat length. Commented coach Washburn after the race: "It was the best row I have seen the crew have so far. [The boys] are really beginning to hit their stride. With increased attention to minor details, I believe that they can be right up there with the fastest teams come Interschols."

The boy's second boat race was equally as close. St. Paul's went out quickly and built up a considerable lead on Andover. The Blue tried hard to take back the lead for a win, but found their opponents too strong. At the finish line, St. Paul's was a boat and a half in front of Andover.

Despite their losses, Saturday was a good day for the boys in Blue. Having affirmed their potential, Andover looks forward to avenging its losses at Interschols, where it expects to place well.

Boys' Crew Continues Its Slide

by Chris McKallagat

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Saturday was a rough day for the boys' crew team, who hosted both Exeter and Tabor. The first boat lost to both Tabor and Exeter, while the second boat beat Tabor before falling to Exeter by two seconds.

Before the race the entire crew realized the focus needed to overcome the poor conditions. The race started quickly and Andover trailed from the start. The boat never recovered from its slow start and Exeter continued to pull away. However, Andover contained Tabor, matching the Sea Wolves stroke for stroke. With 1000 meters down and only 500 to go, Andover was still a boat length behind Tabor and two lengths from Exeter.

The Blue made a late run, but, unfortunately, the finish line came to

soon and Andover lost to Tabor by less than a second and to Exeter by 6 seconds. Commented coxswain Samantha Shih '99 after the race "the guys never got it together today. I am confident that they can contend with both Exeter and Tabor and that they will pull it together for Interschols."

The second boat also endured a tough race. Tabor caught a crab and was out of contention early in the race. The Exeter crew, though, was too much for Andover. Half-way through the race, Andover had pulled out to a two seat lead over Exeter. However, Exeter took a power ten and pulled up even with Andover. The race came down to the final 500 meters, and Exeter's final push was stronger than Andover's, giving it a 3 second victory over Andover. Both boats now prepare for Interschols in two weeks.

Boys' Crew Gears up for Interschols

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by Chris McKallagat
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover 2
NMH 0



On Saturday the boys' crew team hosted Northfield-Mount Herman, on the Merrimack River. Having previously defeated NMH at the Worcester Invitational, the boys knew exactly what to expect. Andover was not surprised, as both boats cruised down the course and won easily.

The first boat had its confidence bolstered after a tough week of practice, but still felt that the crew had the speed necessary to pull off a win over a less experienced NMH crew.

The water was extremely rough as the first boat launched and the conditions began to worry the team, who could still remember the horrible losses to Exeter and Tabor in similar conditions the week before.

However, the guys were determined to tough it out and win. The race started quickly and Andover rushed out to a boat length lead after only 20 strokes.

Then, disaster struck as the boat dipped to port and took on water. Even after a quick recovery, Andover still found itself back even with NMH. The race did not stay even for long because Andover remained composed and regained the lead.

Throughout the remainder of the 1500 meter race the Blue continued to build up its lead and wound up crossing the line a whole 20 seconds ahead of NMH.

Commented bowman Brian

Elworthy '98 after the race, "We had a rough first 500 meters, but we really pulled it together for the final 1000 meters. I hope we can use this win to propel us to a good finish at interschols next weekend.

The second boat had an equal amount of success in its race on Saturday. The crew started well off the line and never looked back. The final margin of victory was a whopping 30 seconds. This margin of victory great for the Blue's confidence as it heads into interschols. The Blue's win against NMH lifted the crew's spirits, commented coxswain Ryan Fillipon '99 after the race, "The guys rowed a solid race. I think they really have a shot to medal next weekend at Interschols."

With Interschols coming this weekend, both crews are busy trying to make final adjustments that will ensure maximum boat speed.

The outlook is good for Interschols, although both boats will be seeded fifth or sixth they feel comfortable coming from behind and hope to surprise some fast crews on Saturday at Interschols.



Boat one, pictured above, defeated NMH, weathering the stormy conditions. The crew now looks forward to tomorrow's Interschols, the defining race in the team's season.

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Fifth Place Finish at Interschols Caps Off a Season of Improvement for Boys' Crew

by Brian Elworthy and Pat Gaughen
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After one of the more intense winter training seasons in recent memory, the Andover boys' crew team took to the water with high expectations. However, despite moments of quick boat speed and solid racing, these hopes of victory were at some times elusive.

With only nine days of water time, the first race of the season was against the Kent School of Connecticut. Kent spends two weeks every year training in Tampa, FL over spring break, giving it a considerable advantage in early spring racing! Using this advantage, Kent took control of the race early and never let go. After overstroking Andover off the line by almost five strokes a minute, an advantage conferred by spring break water time, Kent jumped out to half a boat length of open water over Andover within the first 500 meters. With only 250 meters to go, Andover closed to within two seats but Kent's ability to shift the rating up gave them a decisive advantage in the sprint. Kent eventually moved out to a four seat margin by the finish line.

Disappointed by this stinging early season defeat, the varsity boat hoped to apply the lessons learned at Kent to a field of six boats the next weekend at the Worcester Invitational. Andover faced off against Exeter, Tabor, St. John's, Simsbury and NMH. With a stronger, quicker start, Andover moved out to a two seat lead over the other crews in the first 300 meters. With Exeter alongside, Andover continued to move away from the field having gained open water on every boat but Exeter. At the 750 meter mark, Exeter began to move on Andover, gaining a six seat advantage by the 1000 meter mark. However, Andover, displaying the composure and strength that was to become the hallmark of its sprint, closed the distance to three seats by the finish line.

With two weeks to prepare for its next meet, Andover began to work on the improve-

ment of its speed. With no need for a race taper, Coach Washburn pushed the crews even harder between the Worcester Invitational and St. Paul's. After a few days of seat racing and shifting between the first two boats, Coach Washburn put together a new line up to face a dominant crew from St. Paul's in New Hampshire. The new crew, which was to remain together for the duration of the season, was as follows: Brian Elworthy '98 in the bow seat, Patrick Gaughen '99 in the two seat, Chris McKallagat '00 at three, Tom Huntoon '98 at four, Danny Addison '98 at five, Nate Kirk '98 at six, James Denham '98 at seven, and Hunter Washburn '00 in the stroke seat. This new line-up proved to be considerably quicker in both practice and on the race course.

At Turkey Pond the next week, this increase in boat speed was evident as the first boat challenged perennial New England powerhouse St. Paul's. After a quick start, Andover moved out to a four seat lead. However, as both crews settled into their racing cadences, St. Paul's strength became apparent as they began to move out to half a boat length of open water lead. With 250 meters to go, they moved up to a 42 1/2. While Andover gained a few seats, this sprint was not enough to catch a bigger, stronger St. Paul's boat. However, Andover turned in a time of 4:31, five seconds shy of St. Paul's and in the light of last year's Interschols, a championship performance.

In a race against arch-rival Exeter and the 1997 NEIRA Championship boat from Tabor, Andover failed to duplicate the performance of the previous weekend. Fazed by poor weather and rough water conditions, Andover was sluggish off the line and never found the swing needed to catch a quick crew from Exeter. Trailing by open water at the thousand meter mark, Andover, galvanized by the stark reality of failure, began to aggressively move against the opposing crews. In the last 250 meters Andover managed to overcome a two length deficit to move out ahead of Tabor. In those last 250 meters, the lead was traded several times by the two crews, with Tabor finally crossing the finish line less than one second

before Andover.

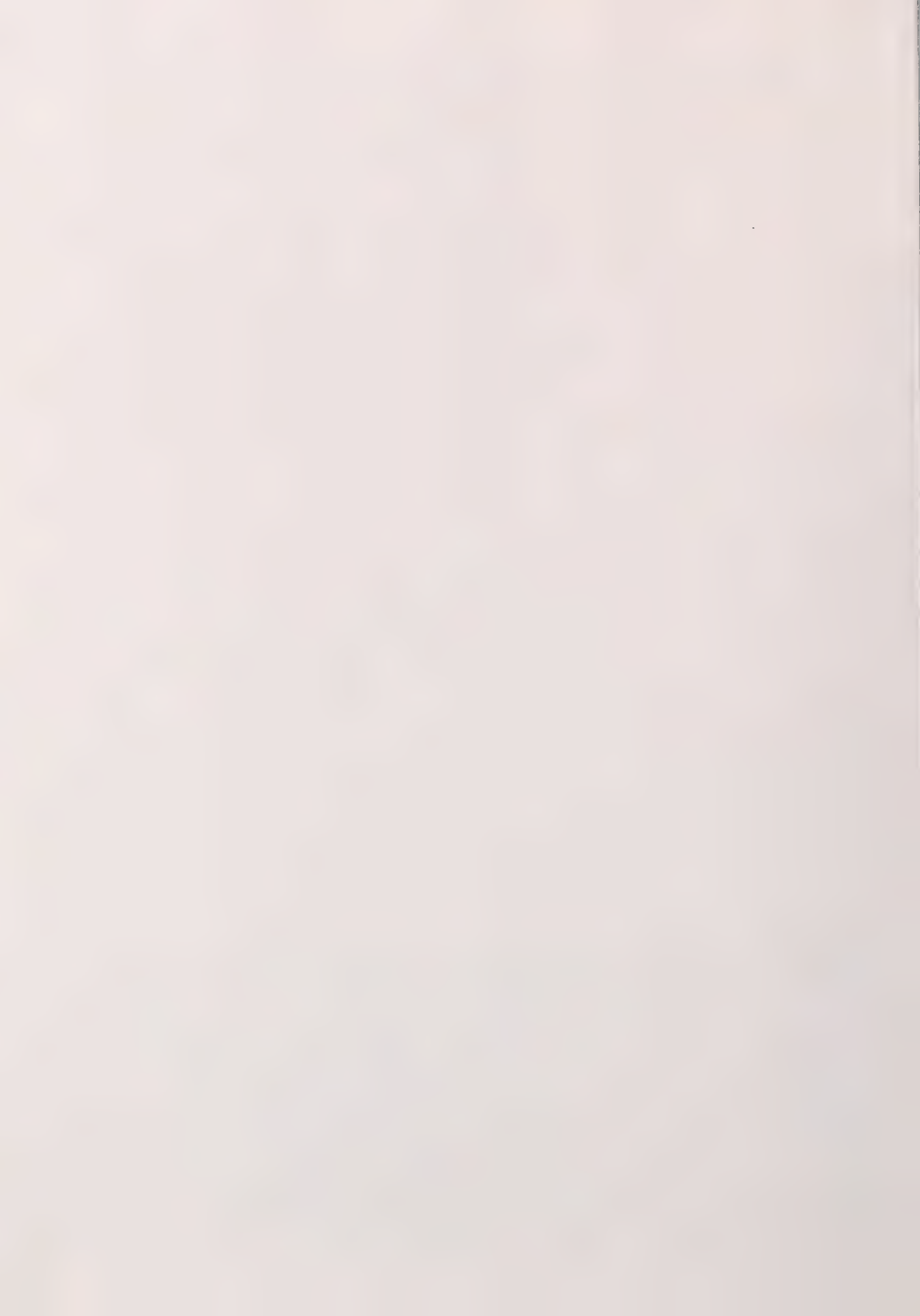
After an easy victory over NMH, the team awaited only the NEIRA championship. The NEIRA championship is conducted in a heats-finals style format. Having been seeded a disappointing sixth, Andover hoped to surprise the top seeds by drawing upon it's long winter of hard training and water work this spring. In the morning heats, Andover faced a quick field, including crews from Exeter, Tabor, St. John's, Brookline, and Shrewsbury. Exeter, Tabor, and Andover dominated the racing, leading the pack down the entire length of the course. Exeter won by a margin of six seats and Tabor once again squeezed out a second place finish, defeating Andover by less than a second. These three crews advanced to the finals to face off against St. Paul's, Salisbury, and Kent. In the final race, characterized by unusual depth and speed, St. Paul's and Exeter clearly dominated the racing. However, the racing for third place was hotly contested. Andover quickly moved out away from the Kent School, which was never to enter contention again. However, Andover was unable to open up a decisive lead upon Salisbury and Tabor, eventually crossing the finish line approximately 3/4 of a boat length down on both crews. Andover placed fifth, rowing what everyone felt to be the best race of the season. Coach Washburn commented on the racing by saying, "I was truly impressed by the performance of all of our crews on Saturday. The confidence and determination they showed was tremendous."

The two varsity boats will be graduating seven seniors this year, leaving a number of holes open for underclassmen to fill. Andover will also be losing assistant coach Chris Schmidt, who will go on to pursue a masters in history at Harvard University. However, with an experienced and talented group of lowers and uppers, including the first boat stroke Hunter Washburn '00, Chris McKallagat '00, Patrick Gaughen '99, and coxswain Samantha Shih '99 from the first eight, as well as six oarsmen from the second boat, the Andover crew program hopes to build upon this year's successful season.



The boys' crew first boat, above, led by captain Nate Kirk '98, who sits in the sixth seat

Photo / L. Hoopes



SPORT: GIRLS' CREW

YEAR: 1997-98

CAPTAIN: KATHERINE SMITH
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: KATHRYN LUCIER
ASSISTANT COACHES:

SEASON RECORD

WON LOST TIED

INTERSCHOLS TEAM TROPHY

LETTER WINNERS

Crew - GV
Anderson, Elizabeth G.
Coffey, Claire M.
Ghormley, Elizabeth A.
Glenn, Elizabeth L.
Greenfield-Sanders, Lili
Hendricks, Sarah M. S.
Howell, Liberty E.
Larson, Katharine
Lasater, Elizabeth F.
Lepore, Sara E.
Lux, Annie F.
Madera, Morgan J.
Pollak, Caroline
Schoen, Jessica L.
Smith, Katherine M.(c)
Soichet, Emmanuelle S.
Sullivan, Melissa A.
Thornton, Emily R.

With a solid core of rowers, Girls' Crew Begins Season Tomorrow, Hosting Kent

by Lily Greenfield-Sanders and
Annie Lux

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With only three returners from last year's first boat, and five returners from the second boat, Andover looks to the race this weekend against Kent as an indication of its ability to meet the challenges ahead.

The girls crew team had a record-breaking turnout of over 60 girls and one dog to row this Spring, and many whom had already proved themselves to be capable athletes in instructional crew in the fall, and crew basics this winter.

Though the boat lineups change frequently throughout the season, Coach Lucier has decided on strong first and second boats for the race against one of Andover's biggest crew rivals, Kent. Stroking for G-1 this Saturday is Jessica Schoen '99 who is starting her third consecutive year on the Varsity team. In order behind her is Annie Lux '98, Morgan Madera '99, Claire Coffey '99, Sarah Hendricks '98, Emma Soichet '98, Caroline Pollak '98, and Melissa Sullivan '98 in the bow. Lux, Coffey, and Schoen were all on G1 last year, and the rest have made the transition from G2. Katie Smith, captain of the girls crew team this year and first boat coxswain commented, "Kent will be a tough school to beat, but I have confidence in our rowers, and if we pull hard, and work together, I really think

we can win."

On Saturday, the team's G2 boat will be stroked by Sara Lepore '99, followed by Biz Ghormley '00, Emily Thornton '01, Liz Glenn '99, Liberty Howell '98, Emily Carter '00, Kate Larsen '00, and Morgan Swett '00 in the bow. Though the squad has not yet made a decision on this year's second boat coxswain, Lily Greenfield-Sanders will be taking the job this week.

Coach Lucier and her assistant coach, Charlie Wray, look forward to this season with high hopes. They think that the team has already made a lot of progress so far on the water, and have hope that the more inexperienced rowers will learn quickly. The squad's first race is one of the most important races to Lucier, as she came to Andover a few years back from a teaching and coaching position at The Kent School. This Saturday she will be coaching up against her former head coach. Andover intends to keep up with, and hopefully beat a team that holds two weeks of pre-season training in Florida to its advantage.

As far as the season goes, it is anyone's guess. But the seniors all hope that their last year on the team will produce a New England Championship, something Andover has not achieved for three years. The season is still young, and as soon as the boats are set, and the girls get back into the swing of things, they are confident that they will slide quickly towards a strong finish.

4/17

Girls

by Katie Smith

The girls' crew team won two out of their three races against Kent this past weekend. The girls' first boat fell to Kent, but both the second and third girls' boats were victorious.

The second boat, with Lily Greenfield-Sanders '99 as coxswain, easily defeated Kent's second boat and the third boat rowed with excellent skill and determination, with a near record setting performance in its defeat of Kent.

The third boat, headed by Ashleigh Hegedus '99, began with a strong start at an unusually high stroke rating of

The Crew Report

Boys

by Chris McKallagat

On Saturday the Andover boys' crew team hosted two well trained and experienced crews from the Bedford school and the Kent school. Both Kent and Bedford had received considerable amounts of water training over the past month and were further along in their progression as crews.

The first boat eventually fell to a powerful Kent team, but they did man-

age to beat a fast Bedford crew. The second boat did not fare quite as well, as it lost to both visiting schools.

Both Kent and Bedford approached the starting line with Andover and the race began quickly. Kent used their high stroke rating and on water experience to explode out of the start and amass a ten second lead after only 30 strokes. Under the guidance of coxswain Samantha Shih '99 and the perfect stroke rating of captain Nate Kirk '98,

Andover executed this plan perfectly and made a considerable move on Kent in the middle 500 meters, before falling just short of the win.

Girls' Crew Results: Saturday, April 18, 1998
at Lake Quinsig. in Worcester, MA
conditions: light cross-tailwind, warm and sunny

G1

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|-------------------|---------------|
| 1) Exeter | 5:15.6 |
| 2) Andover | 5:16.9 |
| 3) Brookline | 5:25.2 |
| 4) Simsbury | 5:31.9 |
| 5) NMH | 5:41.3 |
| 6) Tabor | 5:44.9 |

G2

- | | |
|-------------------|----------------|
| 1) Andover | 5:37.21 |
| 2) Exeter | 5:39.7 |
| 3) Simsbury | 5:51 |
| 4) Brookline | 5:59 |
| 5) Tabor | 6:08 |
| 6) NMH | 6:13 |

G3

- | | |
|-------------------|-----------|
| 1) Exeter (G3) | 5:39 |
| 2) Exeter (G4) | ?? |
| 3) Andover | ?? |
| 4) Simsbury | ?? |

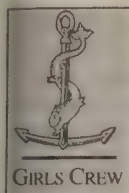
5) Tabor/Brookline (not sure who finished 5th and who 6th)

Top Two Boats Look Strong

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by Claire Coffey &
Lily Greenfield-Sanders

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This past weekend, the girls' top two boats raced incredibly well against five other crews at Worcester. The G2 boat came away with its second victory of the season, beating Exeter.

And G1, though it had an exceptional race, fell short of the Exeter crew at the finish line by 0.7 seconds.

Despite the first boat's disappointment in its close race with Exeter, the girls proved themselves superior against Simsbury, NMH, Tabor, Brookline, beating them with open water to spare. The first boat's line-up was similar to last week's, except for the addition of Liberty Howell '98, who moved up from the second boat. This past week, the crew had been working on its start in practice, and began the race with a lead against the other crews, but with Exeter close behind. The first boat led Exeter halfway through the race, a lead which would change hands many times before the end of the race. The girls are confident that they will avenge this loss when Exeter visits Andover's home course, the Merrimack River on May 9th. Captain Smith coxed and steered a great race. Melissa Sullivan

'98 later commented, "Katie always lets us know where we stand against the other crews, and we feel confident that she'll push us right through the finish."

The girl's second boat once again finished in first place with three quarters of a boat length on Exeter. The girls had a rough start in the water due to inexperience in the boat, but they quickly recovered, and left the Simsbury, NMH, Tabor, and Brookline teams in their wake. At the 750 meter line (the half-way mark), the boat took a "power ten" and evened up with the Exeter team who had been leading the race. The girls stayed even with Exeter for about 200 more meters, and then took another "ten" which walked them right by seats eight through bow on Exeter's squad. Determined not to

give up this lead, the G2 rowers kept up their competitive attitudes, and held the Exeter boat behind them for the remainder of the race. The excited girls docked quickly and continued the tradition of the winning crews hurling their coxswain into the icy water.

The teams intend to explore the novices potential and continue to fine-tune their race plan, and technique. On Wednesday, the G1 rowers experienced their new unnamed Vespoli Millennium(boat) for the first time. Coach Lucier, in a sentimental moment, had eight seniors and one upper break the boat in at the beginning of practice. With the new lightweight boat and a lot of hard work, G1 hopes to come out on top in their next races. While G2 is anticipating another win in the former first boat.



Girls' Boat 2 poses after its victory against Exeter

Photo / T. G-S

Girls - 5/9/98

Conditions: rain, head-wind, strong current

G1

Exeter	4:46.3
Andover	4:56.7
Tabor	5:07.9

G2

Exeter	5:04.5
Andover	5:06.9
Tabor	5:15.1

<u>PA 4G</u>	-	5:48.1
SPS 4 G	-	5:59.9

G3

Andover	5:05.6
Exeter	5:07.2
Tabor	5:59.3

<u>PA 3G</u>	-	5:23.7
SPS 3G	-	5:35.4

G4

Exeter	5:21
Andover	5:31

<u>PA 2G</u>	-	5:15.1
SPS 2G	-	5:24.7

B1

Exeter	4:11.7
Tabor	4:17.6
Andover	4:18.7

SPS 1G	-	5:07.1
<u>PA 1G</u>	-	5:19.4

BOYS

B2

Exeter	4:19
Andover	4:22
Tabor	4:32

SPS 4B	-	5:01.3
<u>PA 4B</u>	-	5:19.1

B3

Exeter	4:42.8
Andover	4:53
Tabor	5:00

SPS 3B	-	4:43.7
<u>PA 3B</u>	-	4:55.7

B4

Exeter	4:41
Andover	4:55
Tabor	5:14

SPS 2B	-	4:31.1
<u>PA 2B</u>	-	4:41.7

SPS 1B	-	4:25.65
<u>PA 1B</u>	-	4:31.2

Girls vs. St. Paul's

Girls' Crew Drops to 0-3, Hosts Exeter This Weekend

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by Nick MacInnis
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS EDITOR

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Andover received some good news even before the race started as it learned that one of St. Paul's top rowers was removed from the team for disciplinary

reasons. Trying to take advantage of this, the girls took to the water on Saturday, as they prepare for Interschols in May. Unable to take advantage of the undermanned St. Paul's crew the first boat again fell short, finishing the race eight seconds behind the pace set by St. Paul's. The second boat, though, tipped its record to 3-0 with a convincing one and a half boat length victory.

The first boat once again endured a tough race, losing for third time in as many tries. The St. Paul's crew, historically very strong, again proved to be too fast for Andover, and Andover was hindered by the fact that it was without standout rower, Jess Schoen '99 who was forced out of action because of an injury. The girls' humbling defeat definitely served as a good wake-up call for this team as it had several player only meetings throughout the past week to discuss ways to get out of its current slump.

The result of these meetings is personal changes for the team as Emily Thornton '01, who stroked the second boat to victory on Saturday, was promoted to the stroke position of the first boat. Along

Girls' Crew Rows Well, but Falls to Exeter; JV Boat Impressive in Its Victory

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by Lily Greenfield-Sanders
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



Last Saturday's race against Exeter and Tabor was disappointing for the girls first two boats because of their second place finish, but exciting for third boat who came

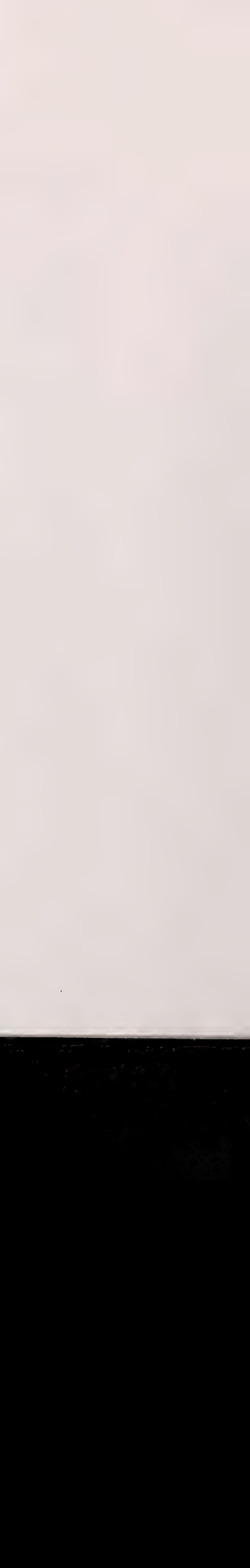
out victorious to remain undefeated.

The first boat, despite its best time of the season to date, fell to Exeter on Saturday. The moves of the previous week appeared to pay dividends as the girls finished the course in under five minutes, an enviable time considering Saturday's poor weather conditions. The girls started the race two seats behind Exeter and remained that way for the whole race. They did not, however, go down without a fight. Throughout the race, Andover made push after push to try and gain ground on the first place Exeter boat. The initial two seat deficit ultimately proved to be too much, though, as the girls crossed the finish line in second place, three quarters of a boat length behind Exeter. The persistency of Andover earned high praises from coach Lucier who gave the team the day off Monday. Coach Lucier also said that she did not anticipate any more juggling of the line-up before Interschols. Andover is seeded fourth heading into the Interschol tournament, which takes place in two weeks.

The girls' second boat suffered its first loss of the season in its extremely close race with Exeter's second boat.

The girls showed amazing quickness and ability off the starting line and soon gained nearly a boat length lead. Tabor found itself out of contention after just 500 meters. However, at the 750 meter mark, Andover did not achieve the attack it was looking for and let Exeter take eight seats from them. Andover, because of its inability to keep its composure with the strong headwind, eventually was edged out by Exeter at the finish line, suffering its first setback of the week. The rowers of the second boat's problem is that they are not able to drive their oars in at the catch quickly enough, so with such unfortunate weather like Saturday, it was easy for the wind to take the blades away from the water. The plus, though, is that this problem can be easily remedied, and with two weeks until Interschols the girls expect to be back in top form by then.

The girls' third boat has once again earned mention in the varsity crew article. They were the only boat to keep Exeter from sweeping the first place slot. With unprecedented quickness for JV boat, a near record pace for the course, the girls attacked both opposing boats right off the starting line. Exeter, though, soon took a lead that it kept for a majority of the race. Then, in a dramatic move, the girls pulled up after a full boatlength deficit to edge out Exeter and win the race. It was an emotional win, especially coming against an opponent like Exeter, a formidable opponent. The win propelled the girls into the number one seed in New England, and are expected to remain there for Interschols.



Girls' Crew Tops NMH

by Lily Greenfield-Sanders

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

5/22

Andover	2
NMH	0



Last weekend the Big Blue girls' crew swept NMH in every race. Both G1 and G2 started and maintained huge leads over their opponents and showed

great athleticism and sportsmanship. The highlight, of course, was throwing Smith '98 into the water for the first time all season.

The girls first boat's first win of the season came during their race with a winning time of 19 seconds over its opponents. This long awaited win came at a good time to build up momentum for the boat for next Saturday's Interscholastic competition, which is by far the biggest and most important race of the season.

The first boat started the race off strong and had walked up its opponents boat by the end of the first fifteen strokes. From then on, the girls held their open water lead and were racing against themselves in the final 1000 meters. At the 500 meter mark, the girls delivered an impressive power 20 which helped them reassert their lead and the power took them through the half-way point of the race. Varsity captain and G1 coxswain, Katie Smith, commented, "It was a very solid race with a lot of strong effort from all of the rowers." The boat was stroked by freshman sensation, Emily Thornton '01, who hit the ratings nicely throughout the race and led the team to its win. The rest of the boat was Liz Glenn '99 at the 7 seat, followed by Morgan Madera '99, Claire Coffey '99, Sara Hendricks '98, Annie Lux '98, Caroline Pollak '98, and Mellissa Sullivan '98 in the bow.

The second boat won the race easily after last week's first loss against Exeter. The girls put in a lot of solid rowing this week in anticipation of the race, and quickened the catches that contributed greatly to their previous loss. The girls were quick off the starting line, and gained a boat length within the first 10-14 strokes. For the rest of the race, they focused on gaining "a boat length a minute" from the NMH crew, a suggestion from assistant coach Charlie Wray. This was the second G2 race of the season in which the boat was starbird rigged, and the girls seem to be adjusting well. Biz Ghormley '00 has been stroking the boat, and been hitting the ratings very well, especially for her second week at the job. She is followed by Jess Schoen '99, Liberty Howell '98, Emma Soichet '98, Kate Larson '00, Hillary Langer '01, Sara Lepore '99, and Liz Lasater '01 in the bow.

The first boat will be seeded fourth at Interschols this year, but hope to continue the tradition of the Andover crew doing better than expected at these competitions. G2 will be seeded either second or third behind Exeter, and are eagerly awaiting their chance for a rematch. If all goes as expected, both boats will be up against rowing power houses Kent, St. Pauls, and Exeter. Through a lot of hard work and intense morning practices this week, the boats hope to come out victorious this weekend.

Girls' Crew Takes Interschols

6/7

by Lily Greenfield-Sanders & Katie Smith
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

6/7



This year's girls' varsity crew had an exceptional season, culminating in its first place finish at Interscholastic competitions on May 23rd. Many were skeptical about this team's potential earlier in the year because of the large number of rowing seniors that graduated last year, but doubts were put aside as soon as they became aware of the strong novice potential that matriculated into Andover this past year. With 60 girls trying out, one of the largest turnouts ever for girls spring crew, the head coaches, Katherine Lucier and Charles Wray, had a great amount of talent to choose from and the competition for seats continued throughout the season all the way down to the fifth boat.

The first boat started the season with only two returning G1 rowers, Claire Coffey '99 and Annie Lux '98. At the opening of the season it was difficult to tell who would fill the remaining seats in the boat. The crew's biggest struggle throughout the season lay in trying to find the true speed and discipline that the girls knew they were capable of. Challenged by the remarkable strength of the second, and from the entire prep-school division, the girls continued to push themselves to new levels all through the season. With two weeks left to go in the season, they defeated NMH in a decisive victory and the seats in the boat were finally set for Interschols. The rowers starting from the bow were Melissa Sullivan '98, Caroline Pollack '98, Liz Glenn '99, Sarah Hendricks '98, Claire Coffey '99, Morgan Madera '99, Annie Lux '98, and Emily Thorton '01. One stagnant force throughout the season came from the excellent coxswaining of Captain Katie Smith '98, who exemplified true spirit and dedication during every day of the season. The rowers were somewhat discouraged by their losing streak, but pushed through with confidence to win their second place finish at Interschols against formidable competition. The girls ended their season with impressive wins against St. Paul's and Exeter who had beat them by a 10-14 second margin earlier in the season.

The girls' second boat had, undoubtedly, one of the most successful seasons in recent history. They started the season off strong with an undefeated record until their disappointing loss to Exeter two weeks before interschols. But the girls took this loss not as a discouraging event, but rather as an inspiration to row harder and get revenge on them at Interschols. The second boat rowers always had it in them to win with their remarkable vigor and vivacity that they showed in every race, but the constantly shifting positions made it hard for the girls to get used to a set boat. It was this strength that allowed many of the rowers to move up to the first boat, and the former G1 rowers showed great strength of character in their positive attitudes towards the boat adjustments. By the time Interschols rolled around, the boats had been set at Liz Lasater '01 in the bow followed by Sara Lepore '99, Liz Andersen '00, Kate Larsen '00, Emma Soichet '98,

Liberty Howell '98, Jess Schoen '99, and Biz Ghormely '00 at stroke.

The chaotic and exciting interscholastic competitions took place on May 23rd against over 12 schools from all over New England. The girls second boat had an exciting morning in their early heat, and did not merely make the top three needed to qualify, but actually won it. They raced the first 1000 meters according to their regular race plan, and started off the line as the announcer put it, "at a blistering 46 rating." They then settled down to a 34 rating, and at the 1000 meter mark, coxswain Lily Greenfield-Sanders took them down to a 30-32 rating after seeing that they were clearly in qualifying position. The girls rowed with intense power for the remainder of the race, but took the rating down to a low 28 at one point in order to get ready for their much anticipated final that afternoon. The girls tried to stay as removed from the hectic scene as possible for the rest of the day, and went to the movies during their break. However, they returned to their feisty state at around 3:30 in the afternoon to anticipate their 4:30 final.

The pressure from Exeter and St. Paul's was intense and it was apparent to all of the rowers that they would have to row the race of their lives in order to win. The girls launched on time, but were soon fairly frazzled by a number of mishaps including a false start at the line. The girls recovered from their crash with the Exeter boat, and relined to start the race. They took off the line at a high 44 rating, and maintained it until their settle 20 strokes later. They then remained at a slightly high 35 rating because of the strong tail wind blowing down the course. The girls soon took a five seat lead on Exeter and held it until the 500 meter mark where they took a power twenty to move ahead. By this time, St. Paul's was shifting into full gear and had moved slightly in front of Exeter. The girls reacted to this fierce competition at the 1000 meter mark when the coxswain called a power 10 that reminded them that it was only a matter of 60 more strokes. Andover, Exeter, and St. Paul's stayed neck in neck with occasional 2 or 3 seat bursts from each team, but Andover maintained a 4 seat lead up until the 30 stroke sprint. The girls took the rating up to a 37 for the rest of the race and finished with a commanding 3 second lead on Exeter and St. Paul's.

The success of the girls second boat was also seen in the determination and confidence of the girls first boat. In the early afternoon the first boat prepared to row in the heats to establish a position in the 5:00 finals. The first boat waited at the starting line with confidence and anticipation, not knowing how their strength compared to the other teams. They reached the first 1000 meters of the race as usual with full pressure, rating and intensity. Right from the start, the Andover team established their lead as the strongest boat in the heat. They pulled ahead of the other 5 boats to hold an open water lead at the 1000 meter mark. At that moment, knowing that the girls would qualify, the coxswain called for them to take the rating down so that they could conserve their energy for the final. The girls crossed the finish line in second place at a rating of 31 SPM, letting Kent

approximately 40 SPM.

The girls first boat came off the water with confidence in where they stood with a finishing time of 5:19, which was only two seconds behind the fastest time which was set by Exeter at 5:17. The girls removed themselves from the park to conserve their energy from the heated sun and the excitement of the crowd. They returned at 3:30 to prepare for their much anticipated 5:00 final, the last race of the day. The girls first boat stood at the line warm and relaxed with Kent, Exeter and St. Paul's sitting to their right. Each boat exploded off the starting line with visions of winning the gold medal. The Andover crew showed a very impressive start which placed them ahead of all the other boats. St. Paul's and Exeter would not relent in their power, however, and stayed close behind. The Andover girls first boat took a power 20 at the 500 meter mark to establish a lead in the beginning of the race. This was a powerful 20 strokes which allowed them to hold a close lead to the remaining boats. The St. Paul's team took a power move at the 750 meters, and although the Andover coxswain called 10 strokes to respond, the strength of the St. Paul's team allowed Andover to push ahead. The Andover team took a power ten at the 100 mark to stay in the race. At this point, St. Paul's had established 3/4 of a boat's length lead, with Andover at second with Exeter close behind. With 500 meters left to go, Exeter tried to push ahead and started to gain a seat or two.

The Andover girls were unwilling to relent their second place position and prepared to pull it out at the spring. With 30 strokes left to go, St. Paul's was still in first place, and it was a close race for second between Andover and Exeter. The girls were reminded how much they wanted to win held their lead until the finish. After crossing the finish line, the margin was so close that they did not know whether they had come in second or third place. The Andover team rowed up to the medals dock to receive their second place metals from the official. Their placing in the final race allowed the Andover girls' crew team to win the points trophy with the first place finish of the second boat and the second place finish of the third boat. It was the first time in the history of New England's that Andover has won this trophy, which is a great honor and accomplishment.

The third boat enjoyed tremendous success on the season, too. The team suffered only two losses, both to Exeter, at Interschols and in the regular season. At Interschols the team showed great effort, placing second. The crew fell behind early, and then cut the deficit to half a boat length in the final ten meters. Unfortunately that was as close as it would come, rowing a great race, but placing second. With their strong time, if the girls had entered the G2 race, they would have come in second, behind only the Andover G2 boat. Coxswain Kristy Wiehe '99 who led the boat through its exciting season with intense enthusiasm.

The girls' crew team had a remarkable season illustrated by their first place finish at Interscholastic competitions on May 23rd. The team is losing a number of four year rowers at this year's graduation, who will all be sorely missed.

SPORT: CYCLING

YEAR: 1997-98

CAPTAIN: WILLIAM GLASS & ASHLEY LANGER
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: DEREK WILLIAMS
ASSISTANT COACHES:

SEASON RECORD

WON _____ LOST _____ TIED _____

5th at I.S.

LETTER WINNERS

Cycling - Team
Ballard-Perrin, Kimberly
Glass, William J. (c)
Hedges, Christopher J.
Langer, Ashley A. (c)
Myers, William K.
Okner, Paul
Smith, Nicholas R.
Scraghan, Tara A.

Cycling to Host Race

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by Nick Smith

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



CYCLING

After a slow start to the season the cycling team showed its usual championship form this past Sunday in Gould, Maine. A week earlier, after a two hour drive to

Warwick, Rhode Island, the team found its first meet blocked by hostile Rhode Island natives who refused to allow the host school, Bishop Hendricken, to cycle the race.

Disappointed by this inauspicious start to the season, the team rode up to Putney Academy three days later for an unseasonably hot and deceptively difficult season opener. Suffering from missed days of training over long weekend, the cycling team failed to perform to expectations. Chris Hedges '99 took the top Andover finish in the A race with a fourth, as did Albert So '01 in B's and team co-captain Ashley Langer '98 in the Women's race.

A tired Andover team arrived at Gould Academy this Sunday after a grueling three hour car ride. Compared to the previous Wednesday, conditions were perfect: sunny with a cool breeze from the north. Prior to the race the Gould coach provided informational flyers warning the team of possible moose in the road and teaching us the "necessary" geological history of the area. The course climbs 1100 feet in 23.1 miles from the entrance to the Sunday River ski resort to the top of Grafton Notch.

The Andover team took the course by storm. Head to head with a strong Holderness team the A riders took places second, fourth, and sixth to win the A race hands down. Bermudian machine Chris Hedges made the leading break and took second to a veteran Deerfield rider. Co-captain Will Glass '98 and Will Myers '98 finished fourth and sixth respectively. Paul Okner '98 finished just behind the lead pack after a courageous ten mile solo ride in an effort to catch his teammates.

Though they missed the spectator moose on the side of the road, the B's rode a strong and often demanding

race. Unable to hold their early break from the pack Nick Smith '99 and Albert So finished fifth and seventh respectively. Tad Hodgson '99 followed close behind. The girls' team, though small, promises a lot of strength this season. Led by Ashley Langer who finished fourth, Kim Ballard '98 took seventh and Tara Soraghan '99 placed eighth.

Each team shows the strength and the determination to ride victoriously this Sunday when the New England league comes to compete here at Andover. Several schools, including Holderness, Putney, Proctor, Exeter, and Deerfield, are expected to attend. The course will start near Smith House at the intersection of Highland Rd. and Salem St., and it will run a circuit down Highland Rd., right onto Woodland, and right again onto Salem where it will return to the start. The Andover cycling team is gearing up for a challenging win on this new and exciting course. Come over to the race course on Sunday afternoon at 2:00 to cheer the Andover cycling team on to victory.

Cycling Hosts First Race, Wins

5/8

by Nick Smith

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



This past Sunday was a banner day for the Andover cycling team. Schools from all over New England, including Proctor, Deerfield, Gould, Exeter, Holderness, Noble

& Greenough, and Bishop Hendrick-en, came to Andover to compete in what is traditionally the league's championship race. They came to challenge the team that has so far dominated the New England racing circuit. They came in vain. Cheered on by its fans, the Andover cycling team rode to yet another victory.

The course was a 1.3-mile circuit ridden fifteen times by the A's, twelve times by the B's, and eleven times by the girls. It is the first course this season without a significant climb, a feature that changed much of the racing dynamics seen this year. Because the course was so flat, there were very few chances to break away from the pack. As a result, most races remained in steady packs and were decided in the final sprint down Salem Street. Prizes were offered at several points during the course to sustain the pace.

The Andover girl's team triumphed in these conditions. The field of thirteen remained generally intact throughout the eleven laps of the race. It was in the final 200 yards that Andover showed their dominance. Co-captain Ashley Langer '98 sped across the line in first place. She was

followed only a few of feet later by Kim Ballard '98 in third and Tara Soraghan '99 in fourth. The girl's team could not help but be elated at this decisive victory.

Though the boy's A team did not win so decisively, they did emerge victorious. Paul Okner '98 took Andover's top place in fourth, followed by Will Myers '98 in eighth, Chris Hedges '99 in ninth, and co-captain Will Glass '98 in tenth. In a field of fourteen, Andover dominated, beating out Holderness by three points for first place. The B race was not so satisfying. After eleven good laps, with several competitive sprints, the B pack got out of hand. In the last lap alone there were two major crashes which took out nearly all of the field, including all three Andover riders. All was not lost: Nick Smith '99 and Tad Hodgson '99 managed to recover their bikes and place seventh and fourteenth, respectively. Unfortunately, Albert So '01 was seriously injured and was unable to complete the race. With nearly the whole B field of sixteen injured, the conditions at the start-finish line rivaled M*A*S*H. Our compliments go out to trainers Mike Kuta, Brian Cox, and Kathy Birecki who provided medical assistance on the course.

After a decisive win at home, the cycling team looks forward to a challenging race at Deerfield Academy this coming Sunday, and a season finale at the Loudon, New Hampshire race track the following Wednesday. Again, thanks to all the fans, students, and faculty who came out to support the Andover cycling team on Sunday.



Paul Okner '98, top right, placed second in the boys' cycling race, while his teammate Ashley Langer '98, above, took first place in the girls' race. Both Okner and Langer led Andover to its decisive victory in Sunday's contest. The race is the only home race of the year and the first on the new course.

Photo / E. Whiteman



Cycling Finishes Strong Season

by Nick Smith

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



The Loudon race was like any other race. The voice of Dick the announcer boomed across the race track: "And now, ladies and gentlemen, the race you've all been

waiting to see." The fan-packed stands roared, cheering the Andover team on to yet another victory. Well, almost. All of it is true except for the fan-packed stands. Maybe they misprinted the time in the local paper, but for some reason the stands were peculiarly empty. Dick's voice echoed against the empty seats, teaching the absent masses how to win a bike race. His advice didn't seem to do anyone any good against the all-powerful 1998 Andover cycling team.

The Andover unfortunately lacking Mr. T.'s mad bike-handling skills rode to yet another victory at the Proctor-hosted race. Differing slightly from previous races, each rider was awarded

a certain number of points for his finish in each lap. Christopher Hedges '99 amounted the highest number of points for the Andover team taking third place in a field of eleven. Paul Okner '98 finished the last lap in typical Okner fashion- with a brilliant break-away sprint and placed fourth overall. Dual-captain Will Glass '98 took sixth, followed by Will Myers '98 in tenth.

The girls' team also proved unstoppable. Led by dual-captain and race-winner Ashley Langer '98, the A-Team again won first place with Kim Ballard '98 in third and Tara Soraghan '99 in ninth. Unfortunately, the B-Team raced their worst race of the season, sixth. Nick Smith '99, placing fifth, was the first Andover finish; he was followed by Albert So '01 in seventeenth and Tad Hodgson '99 in twenty-fifth.

This season-finale blowout sealed Andover's season victory. Seven races were scheduled for the season; unfortunately, one of the races was protested by local residents and another was rained out. In all, the cycling team raced in Putney, VT; Gould, ME; Holderness, NH; Loudon, NH; and

here at Andover. Of these five races the A-Team took second in only one. After the first race in Putney, the A-Team won first place at every single race. The team's landslide win left no one doubting who the champion was. With three firsts, a third, and a fourth the girls' team had little trouble reclaiming last year's championship title.

The cycling team should be strong once again next year. Dual-captains Kris Hedges and Tara Soraghan, Nick Smith, Tad Hodgson, and Bert So will all be back, ready to rip it up on the race course. But just like at the end of any other season the cycling team must bid a sad adieu to many of its best and strongest members. For two years the Andover cycling team has benefited from the strong leadership of dual-captains and dual-MVPs Will Glass and Ashley Langer. The two of them are followed by another four-year biker Paul Okner, last year's MVP. The boys' team also says goodbye to Will Myers, a two year veteran to the sport. The girls lose only Kim Ballard, a consistently strong three-year rider.



Paul Okner '98, shown here in the team's only home race of the season, which the Blue won, was one of the senior leaders on this year's Andover cycling team. With a strong group of returners for next year's team, including star Chris Hedges '99, Nick Smith '99, Tad Hodgson '99, Albert So '01, and Tara Soraghan '99, the cycling team once again looks towards a good season next year.

Photo / L. Hoopes

SPORT: GOLF
YEAR: 1997-98

CAPTAIN: NED YETTEN
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: NAT SMITH
ASSISTANT COACHES:

SEASON RECORD

WON 7 LOST 4 TIED

LETTER WINNERS

Golf -V
Faulk, Brian D.
Goldhirsh, Benjamin A.
O'Neill, Jeremiah C., Jr
Orenstein, Noah P.
Prado-Lacoste, Veronique
Schaar, Elisa F.
Shea, James L., Jr.
Yetten, Ned J. (c)

GOLF 1997-98

			PA	OPP
Sat., Apr. 4	Tabor	A	5	7
Wed., Apr. 8	Exeter/ Gov. Dummer	H	423	414 504
Wed., Apr. 15	Holderness	H	9	0
Thur., Apr. 16	Middlesex	A	1½	6½
Tues., Apr. 21	Belmont Hill	H	5	2
Wed., Apr. 22	Milton	A	5½	1½
Wed., Apr. 29	St. Mark's	A	3	4
Sat., May 2	Tilton	H	canceled	
Wed., May 6	Thayer	A	canceled	
Wed., May 13	Rivers	H	9½	2½
Sat., May 16	Exeter	A	414	408
	Gov. Dummer		414	488
Sat., May 22	Gov. Dummer	A	210	235
	Exeter		210	214

Despite a Rough Start, Golf Team Looks Ahead to Promising Season

by Ben Goldhirsh &
Noah Orenstein

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Thirty five mile per hour winds blew in the west at Kittanset Country Club. It was a frigid day, one not meant for golfers, but only a group of rugged individuals known as the Andover golf team braved the tempest. Long underwear, ski caps, and mittens were the proper attire as the toughest team on campus took to the course. With water surrounding almost every hole, the day promised to be challenging. Yet under the inspirational coaching of Nat Smith, the team seemed destined to win. Unfortunately we didn't. Tabor, playing on their home course, managed to squeak out a 7-5 victory.

At number one, the biggest player on campus, Ned Yetten had no trouble coming in with the W; shooting five strokes better than his opponent with a 36 on the front nine. Number two Brian Faulk, used to playing at comfortable Indian Ridge, was unable to pull out a the clutch play needed to beat his opponite in the tough conditions. At number three, the newcomer, the "red headed legend" Noah Orenstein played great, unfortunately his opponent cheated his way to victory. Playing at four Jimbo "King of All Media" Shea got the job done. He didn't play at the top of his game, knowing full well that his opponent was a chump that could be beaten without any real effort on his own part. Next in line was Ben Goldhirsh, who, although being an exemplary citizen in the P.A. community and a great candidate for school president, lost. Later he commented "I think I could have won, but i was to busy trying to figure out how to solve all of the school's problems." The steady Elisa Schaar dominated the match but didn't win and the "kid" Jeremiah, in his high school golf debut pulled out a victory. With the match score tied it came down to the final man, Sean "the Big G" Gormley. Suffice it to say, Gormley was not the man we needed at that point. The team suffered it's first lost on that fateful Saturday, but the losing was sure not to last. The only minor victory for the time came when Ned played a scatch ticket at Burger King and netted himself two



The varsity golf team: Nat Smith (coach), Jimbo Shea, Elise Schaar, Ned Yetten (captain), Ben Goldhirsh, Noah Orenstein, and Veronique Prado-Lacoste .

Photo / D. Magnus

dollars, plus the money gained from the winning ticket he stole from Faulk.

It was the day before the "big" match against Governor Dummer Academy and Exeter, and the Andover Golf Team was still unsure as to where they would be playing. They figured that if they took the teams to their home course "the view" in Reading with water logged fairways, rock hard sand traps, and chewed up greens, they would have a decisive advantage. However Nat Smith, the team's leader, bargained with the owners of the local private course Indian Ridge, to give the other teams a chance.

Wednesday rolled around and the teams met at the renowned Indian Ridge Country Club ready to battle it out. Andover, having lost severely to Exeter in the previous two years, teed up on the first hole ready to prove their true capabilities. The team, led by their first three players Ned Yetten, Brian Faulk, and Noah Orenstein shot 75, 79, and 80 respectively. After the first three players the team led by twenty-five strokes over the others. Then

came the rest of the players. Jimbo Shea crushed his GDA opponite, but his scorecard was lost in the process, however his opponent did comment on his playing ability. "I have never seen such a perfect swing. I was blinded by its brilliance; it was like looking directly at the sun." Ben Goldhirsh tried hard but was unable to compete against the strong Exeter opponent. Things didn't go much better for Elisa Schaar or Veronica "the Alligator" Prado-Lacoste.

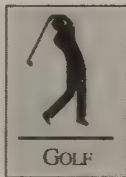
On the bright side the team absolutely pummeled GDA who scored a combined team score of 521 points to Andover's superior 423. There was no competition here. On the flip side it was a battle to the end against Exeter. Andover lost by a combined total of nine strokes. This is the first of a two round match against Exeter which Andover anticipates to win in the end. The teams record at this point in the year stands at 1-1 and looks forward to many promising wins in the future.



Golf Blanks Holderness

by Jimbo Shea and Noah Orenstein
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover	6
Holderness	0



On a bright, warm Wednesday afternoon Greg Berard, Chris O'Donnell, Mike Pierog, Mike Rechnitz, Sean Ghormly, and Brad Burwell set out for

Far Corners; too bad the golf match was scheduled at Trull Brook Golf Course. The coaches clever ruse had worked.

The real team played Holderness this Wednesday and totally demoralized them. The opposing coach, Norm, said, "I don't know what that 'Nate' Smith did to win, but he sure is bald." Indeed, Smith gave the team some words of wisdom and inspiration. At

one point, he told "the Kid" O'Neill, "Choose the driver, and you join me. Choose the wedge, and you join your mother...in death." Not only did the kid win, but so did the rest of the team, with the exception of Ben Goldhirsh who tied his match. When asked about being the only blemish of the day and a total disgrace to his family and his school, he responded, "Ned Yetten shot a 50 at Old Newbury last year."

Knowing full well that Holderness would stack their lineup, old man Smith craftily mixed up the lineup to beat them at their own game. The dynamic duo of Yetten and Veronique Prado-Lacoste easily beat their opponents, despite some interesting tag team cheating.

Brian Faulk, wearing a hat that rivals Greg Rosenheck's '99 jacket, managed to trounce his opponent with the help of "the Kid." Bouncing back from two double bogeys, Faulk pulled off an astounding four straight birdies.

It was the incredible team of Noah Orenstein and Jimbo Shea, though, that drove the final nail in the coffin. Even though Jimbo still hasn't found a date to the prom, he and Noah embarrassed the opposition with birdies from the sand, pars from the water, and a whole lotta trash talking. By the end of the sixth hole, the women and children were put to bed. Cleaning up the rear, Andrew Beasley and Ben Golhirsh played a match that didn't even matter. Jumping out to a four hole lead, Beasley managed to fight off his opponent and win the match. Distracted from his game by the looming election, Goldhirsh still managed to be the loudest person on the golf course.

Leaving dejected and forlorn, Norm tried to bait Andover into making the hour and a half long ride up to White Mountain, but Smith knew better than to fall for their trick. He sent the team on its way with little more than a good-bye kiss.

Led by Yetten '98, the Golf Team Hit Its Stride with Sound Victories over Belmont Hill, Milton and Middlesex

By Ben Goldhirsh & Noah Orenstein

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover	7
Belmont Hill	0



The golf team showed a significant improvement in its play this week. On Tuesday, Belmont Hill made the foolish mistake of challenging Andover at

Hillview, PA's home course. On the following day both Milton and Middlesex met their demise against an overpowering Andover squad.

The mood around the golf team after two successful matches was that this week was a real turning point in the young season. Coach Nat Smith stated, "The team has improved much from the bunch of hackers I saw the first day of practice."

Belmont Hill

Unfriendly to strangers, the View beat Belmont hill by itself. Ignorant to it's gruesome roughs and speedy greens, the opponents were helpless against the unfriendly confines of the foreign course. The PA team comprising of Ned Yetten '98, Brian Faulk '00, Noah Orenstein '99, Jimbo Shea '99, Veronique Prado-Lacoste '98, Ben Goldhirsh '98, the kid '01, and Elisa Schaar '99 won every match.

Milton/Middlesex

On Wednesday the team traveled to, appropriately enough, the Presidents Golf Course to crush Milton and Middlesex. The team once again played above average and below par. Every player, with the exception of Schaar and Prado-Lacoste, shot under

forty. Leading the way, Stanford bound Ned Yetten was on track to shoot well below the course record with a 30 for nine; almost half the sum of his season finale against Exeter of last year.

But these scores, these names, and these matches are not what Andover Golf is all about. The team is all about those guys who don't get the glory, who don't get the groupie girls, and who don't get to play.

We're talking taxi squad, the guys out there just for the love of the game. A motley crew they are. In the driver's seat, literally, is Mike Pierog '99. Mike grew up in Salem, NH. However, his love for the game was thwarted, for the local country club would not allow any person with last names starting with the letter P on the course.

Fortunately he did not give up, sneaking on the course after dark every night, playing thirty-six holes under the illumination of only a headlamp. It was an uphill battle, but with his scores dropping, his position on the team promises to rise.

Senior Andrew Beasley, a golfer at heart, but a hockey player in reality, has improved his game by leaps and bounds. Although he is constantly distracted by personal love matters he has managed to rise to the top of the taxi squad.

Greg Berard '98 has an eye for the ball, no matter how deep in the woods or in the pond, Berard always manages to find the ball in play and in a good position. Chris O'Donnell '98 simply is a long man and a long hitter.

Then there's Sean "the gorm" Gormley who hits the ball the farthest (out of bounds) on the team. These true golfers may not get to play much, but in these writers' opinion getting any play is good!

The Challenging Game of Golf

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by Ben Goldhirsh & Noah Orenstein

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

St. Marks 4
Andover 3

On Wednesday, April 29, the varsity golf team played at St. Marks. With St. Marks notorious for being a subpar team, the Andover squad felt confident going into the match. To its dismay

St. Marks pulled off a thrilling upset, winning four to three. Although the team suffered an embarrassing defeat, not all was lost as the most important part of the game is not the competition but the finding of oneself.

Nowhere else can one's aggravation be so quickly aroused. The trees looming, deep rough waiting, and enticing beaches constantly call to you. It is a test of inner strength to avoid these hazards. The course is a gauntlet which only the skilled can walk through unharmed. It takes a cool mind not to worry about the water ahead of the tee, for it knows that once in mind, it has control. The true golf warrior must control the

uncontrollable, find fairways where others see only rough.

Even though sometimes one is paired with others, on the links one is alone. No one else is there to help, and no one else is there to blame. The game becomes not as much a battle against the course. For the course is just the arena for a battle against yourself. Can you control your thoughts? Mold them into a mental equilibrium, a state of nirvana, in which nothing intervenes yet chaos converges. Birds chirping, nearby motors roaring, bugs tap dancing, and people yelling all try to infiltrate one's psychological fortress. But one can't let down the barriers. One must persevere. Open the gate only to the ball's positive aura and redirect this energy towards the divine objective, the elusive cup. Oh, yes, that damned cup, another story in itself. So simple, but so complex. Literally it opens four inches of space to one's intent.

But it is all in the power of one's mind to truly realize the size of the welcome mat. If you are weak, the undulations of the green will frighten, the distance will intimidate, and the hole will close its doors. But if one is strong and use the undulations as a

map to the target, and the distance as motivation, the cup will welcome your gift.

Yet none of this is possible without one's ambassador to these trials, the clubs. They may be one's friends or one's foes. To succeed one must nurture the clubs like children. If they do bad, do not yell, but give positive reinforcement and they will surely come around. The clubs may pick up bad habits, as all youth do, but give them your trust, and they will not disappoint. One must share his/her feelings with these tools, look at them not as pieces of iron, but as extension of oneself. Yet beware, do not be to protective.. If one gives the clubs a tight leash they will not grow to be independent, but if one learns from his/her own lessons, soon they will swing themselves, and the pin will not be safe.

Golf is not just another sport. It is not a bunch of ragtag clowns singing songs and hitting balls, it is the highest philosophical test known to man. God gave man coordination and intellect, and in response man has created a divine test, a game worthy of heaven, this game, this passion, this love, this Golf.



Ned Yetten '98 Featured by *The Boston Globe* for his Talents on the Golf Course

Ned Yetten '98 was recognized recently in *The Boston Globe* for his accomplishments in the Massachusetts Golf Association Four-Ball Amateur Championship. Ned teamed with his father, Ned Sr., to shoot a 4-over on the par 72 course.

Ned, a one handicap, is bound for Stanford, where many recent young golfing stars, including Tiger Woods and Joel Kribel, have played their collegiate golf. According to Ned his goal at Stanford next year is to "make the traveling squad."

Ned, a four year day student at Andover, belongs to the Indian Ridge Country Club in Andover.

Yetten has a very decorated resume which includes three MGA titles, two New England Junior Titles, and the 1997 MGA Junior Player of the Year honors.

As for this year Ned remains undefeated and he hopes to stay on that path and capture the league championship.

Golf Calms Rivers

5/15
by Noah Orenstein &
Mike Rechnitz

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover	6.5
Rivers	2.5



Every athlete has a dream. Some involve running the fastest time, others involve hitting a certain amount of home runs, and still others involve scoring the most

on boards. In the hearts of all Andover varsity golfers burns the passion to put the ball in the hole.

You may think this refers to the two inch diameter hole that rests on the putting green, but this is not the hole we refer to. As all students know outside of Bullfinch Hall rests a tree, but not any ordinary tree. Eight-feet high, there rests a hole discovered by Ned Yetten '98 freshman year while wait-

ing for the Golf shuttle.

Many have attempted to chip their balls into this hole from an eight foot distance, but only a few have succeeded. Some have attained this fame while others have had their golf careers shattered. On May 13, one more player was inducted into this Hole of Fame.

At 1:32pm Noah Orenstein '99 hit what some believe to be a miracle shot. Discredited because of the pink color of his ball Orenstein dared to try it again. At precisely 1:57 PM he again performed the impossible. His Top Flight ball finally took its top flight, sliding into the hole. On this day a new standard was set for future Andover golfers.

With success at his fingertips, Orenstein along with the rest of the team left for its Wednesday match against Rivers. The number one and number two spots were filled by team captain Ned Yetten '98 and el presidente, Ben Goldhirsh '99.

As expected, Yetten handily beat his opponent, adding to his undefeated record, and even having time to toy with his opponent. Afterwards he stated, "The kid tried to pick a fight with me on the second tee, what else was I to do?" Goldhirsh, not used to playing in the second position, found himself demoralized by a Marky-Mark look alike.

Playing positions three and four, Brian Faulk '00 and Jimbo Shea '99 gave strong performances. Once again Faulk demonstrated his superior playing ability, defeating the Tilton player. His opponent stated "It seemed that the kid's incentive for beating me so quickly was to get back to the snack bar." Jimbo Shea tied his opponent. With Shea not playing to the best of his ability Coach Smith inquired, "He

just can't finish on or off the course."

At the fifth and sixth positions, Orenstein and Mike Rechnitz '00. Orenstein, just getting over both his severe foot injury and his recent induction to the Hole of Fame, concluded a successful day by destroying his opponent in a close match. Rechnitz, in his second varsity golf match, stunned not only his unworthy adversary, but also the rest of the team. Ripping consecutive drives at 260 yards and demonstrating an improved overall game, he went on to beat the Rivers player. Commenting on his game the opposing coach asked, "Is that kid a recruit" The two swept their matches, finalizing a team victory and giving a good outlook for next year's team.

The "two most chill players on the team," Jeremiah O'Neil and Elisa Scharr filled the final positions for the Big Blue. It was a battle of the sexes for both players. Each battle proved the female superior. O'Neil, distracted by the beauty of his female Rivers opponent, self-destructed. Scharr, showing herself ready for the girls' New England Tournament, took her competitor in great stride, giving occasional comments on how he might be able to improve his game.

This team victory improves the teams ranking in New England and prepares the players for their rival match at Portsmouth Country Club against Exeter on Saturday. Coach Smith remarked "Though the team, based on an earlier match against Exeter, is behind by six strokes, I feel that with our line up we won't have a problem making up this deficit in the face of opposition." This, the unusual encouragement given to the team from its coach has invigorated the team, and will hopefully lead it to success.

LETTER WINNERS →

'Lacrosse -BV

Boyle, Fletcher G., Jr.
 Brodie, Ethan H.
 Chisholm, Joseph P.
 Cowan, James F.
 Crawford, Bristol J.
 Crisafulli, Robert A., I
 Flather, Frederick P.
 Hilley, Brendan S.
 Hsu, Douglas J.
 Lane, Richelle N. (M)
 Lee, Christopher G.
 Liebermann, Ethan K.
 Moger, Daniel W., III
 Moore, Alexander H.
 Naparstek, Michael E.
 O'Brien, Kyle G. (C)
 Orbon, Christopher J.
 Park, Benjamin D.
 Rich, Charles P.
 Salisbury, Peter B.
 Sinex, Jonathan E.
 Smithwick, James W.
 Tarantino, John S.
 Weddle, Peter F.
 Wing, David W.

SPORT: Boys' Varsity Lacrosse

YEAR: 1998

CAPTAIN: Kyle O'Brien

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MANAGER: Richelle N. Lane

HOME ADDRESS: 13819 Saybrook Avenue
 Cleveland, OH 44105

COACH: Mike McCleery

ASSISTANT COACHES: Chuck Richardson

SEASON RECORD

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SQUAD STATISTICS

NAME AND HOME ADDRESS	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	CLASS	POSITION
Fletcher G. Boyle Jr. 8 Winstons Path South Dennis, MA 02660	6'1"	170 lbs.	1999	Middle
Ethan H. Brodie 16 Knowles Street Newton Centre, MA 02159	6'	170 lbs.	1999	Middle/Attack
Joseph P. Chisholm 96 Prospect Street Summit, NJ 07901	6'1"	195 lbs.	1999	Defense
James F. Cowan 32 Karlton Circle Andover, MA 01810	5'11"	180 lbs.	1998	Middle
Bristol J. Crawford 382 Livingston Street New Haven, CT 06511	6'2"	185 lbs.	1998	Defense
Robert A. Crisafulli III 98 Mulberry Avenue Garden City, NY 11530	6'	180 lbs.	1998	Middle/Attack
Frederick P. Flather 244 Lindsay Pond Road Concord, MA 01742	6'1"	175 lbs.	1999	Middle
Brendan Hilley 301 Springvale Road Great Falls, VA 22066	5'11"	150 lbs.	1999	Attack
Douglas J. Hsu 5 Orchard Street Andover, MA 01810	6'	190 lbs.	1998	Middle
Christopher G. Lee 311 Pine Ridge Drive Bloomfield Hills, MI	5'8"	160 lbs.	1998	Attack
Ethan K. Liebermann 146 Hesperus Avenue Magnolia, MA 01930	6'2"	175 lbs.	2000	Defense

SQUAD STATISTICS

NAME AND HOME ADDRESS	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	CLASS	POSITION
Daniel W. Moger III 25 Wesskum Wood Road Riverside, CT 06878	6'	170 lbs	1999	Attack
Alexander H. Moore 14 Knoll Street Riverside, CT 06878	6'4"	172 lbs.	1999	Goalie
Michael E. Naparstek PO Box 135 Ayer, MA 01432	5'7"	150 lbs.	1998	Middle
Kyle G. O'Brien 115 Hilton Avenue Garden City, NY 11530	6'1"	210 lbs.	1998	Middle/Attack
Christopher J. Orbon PO Box 567 Crockett, TX 75835	6'	175 lbs.	1998	Middle
Benjamin D. Park 29 Michael Way Andover, MA 01810	5'9"	180 lbs.	1998	Goalie
Charles P. Rich 33 Whiting Road Wellesley, MA 02181	5'11"	175 lbs.	1998	Middle
Peter B. Salisbury 52 Woodcliff Road Wellesley, MA 02180	6'3"	192 lbs.	1999	Middle
Jonathan E. Sinex 1526 Greenspring Valley Road Lutherville, MD 21093	5'10"	170 lbs.	2000	Middle
James W. Smithwick PO Box 1155 Quogue, NY 11959	6'2"	215 lbs.	1999	Middle/Defense
John S. Tarantino 14 Ingraham Road Wellesley, MA 02181	6'5"	195 lbs.	1998	Defense

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OPPONENT: NMH Academy

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

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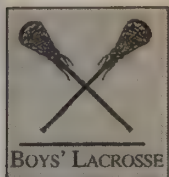
Combining a Great Core of Returners with Some Talented Newcomers, the Boys' Lacrosse Team Expects to Achieve Much Success in its 1998 Season

by Dapo Babatunde
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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With twelve returning players and a host of new talent, the varsity boy's lacrosse team is looking forward to a great season. Coach

Mike McCleery, reunited with assistant coach Chuck Richardson, proudly says "this team is far better at every position than last year's team." The two coaches have worked together in previous years for the boy's JV lacrosse team.

After a tough pre-season that resembled "a re-enactment of 'Braveheart'" because of the great effort put in by the players, the team was cut down to twenty four talented athletes. Twelve of them are returning, including Captain Kyle O'Brien '98, Ethan Brody '98, Doug Hsu '98, Chris Lee '98, Ben Park '98, John Tarantino '98, Dave Wing '98, J.P. Chisholm '99, Brendan Hilley '99, Alex More '99, Peter Salisbury '99, Jimmy Smithwick '99, and John Synex '00.

Along with the returning members are twelve newcomers to the team, including the talents of Postgraduates Rob Crisafulli and Charlie Rich. The team is hoping that the leadership and skill of its experienced players will enhance the performances of other mid-fielders.

Other newcomers include Chris Orbon '98, Mike Napartstek '98, Pete Weddle '98, Dan Moger '99, Fred Flather '99, Fletcher Boyle '99, Brice Crawford '99, all of whom advanced from playing JV lacrosse. Ethan Liebermann '00, new to the Andover lacrosse scene, will contribute to the team's already strong defense. Team

managers Charlene Sadberry '99 and Richelle Lane '99 are expected to add both enthusiasm and spirit as the season progresses.

The Big Blue is lead by captain O'Brien, who was all-New England last year. Andover lacrosse fans will notice in future games that O'Brien has moved to the mid-field in an effort to strengthen the offense and produce more scoring opportunities. Joining O'Brien are team veterans Wing, Hsu, Salisbury, and Synex, as well as the newcomers Weddle, Flathers and Boyle. The team's great depth in their mid-field gives the offensive players an opportunity to move the ball along smoothly until the appearance of a scoring opportunity.

Anchoring the Andover attackmen are Wing, Brody, Lee and Hilley, who with new talent, Moger, hope for the capture of multiple goals this season. If the great communication that this elite group of experienced attackmen has shown during pre-season is any indication, the team should have few problems maneuvering themselves out of future complicated situations on the field.

The defense, with three of its five players returning, appears to be particularly strong. With Chism, Smithwick and Tarantino already teaching Brice and Liebermann the tricks of the trade, the defense might very well be the power house of the team which spells good news for the two goalies, Park and Moore.

This past Saturday, Park and Moore were put to the test as Andover lost 12 to 13 in their clash with Nashua. Park and Moore played a great game, having blocked a high percentage of the shots.

The main problem besetting them team on Saturday was a continual breakdown in the mid-field that in turn caused confusion among the defense. After the first game ended 4-9, the Big

Blue came onto the field determined to regain control. They did just that, outscoring Nashua 8-4.

Coach McCleery called the scrimmage a "good pre-season performance" but remarked that the team "revealed areas of weakness and underscored [its] many strengths." He added, "We played a great second half and that momentum should carry over into Wednesday's opener against rival NMH." The Big Blue has lost for the past three years and anticipate a tough game this Wednesday.

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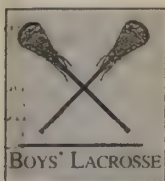


Co-captain Kyle O'Brien '98 gets his shot off in traffic.

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Lacrosse All-Star Hopefuls

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Coming off of last year's mediocre season, the boys' varsity lacrosse team will rely heavily on its senior leadership as it enters the new season, hoping to improve upon last year. This Spring, the lacrosse team, under the tutelage of Head Coach McCleery and Assistant

Copch Richardson, will look to three main players for big performances, consistency and general team leadership, Ben Park '98, Dave Wing'98, and Kyle O'Brien '98. These players are our early-season prospects to have phenomenal seasons.

Ben Park '98

Park will start his second straight year as goalie for the team, and will likely be a major factor throughout the season. Last season he was 5-7 in the crease, though mediocre team play contributed to the teams sub-par record. Park utilizes his excellent foot speed and great stick control to neutralize nearly everything that goes into the crease. His clearing has been solid the entire pre-season, and if his good early season play continues, the New England selection committee will have a hard time not naming Park "All New England" at the end of the season.

Dave Wing '98

Though he was injured for a good portion of last season, Dave Wing will absolutely be a key factor for the Blue on attack. In the teams first game, against NMH, Wing netted four goals, and was nothing less than a force in the middle. With great strength, skill, and surprising foot speed he is nearly unstoppable. Look for him to have a standout season, as he sure bet for post season honors.

Kyle O'Brien '98

After attaining All-New England status last season as a defenseman, team captain Kyle O'Brien moved to "middle" to help the team's shallow mid-field lineup. Despite the drastic change, O'Brien will play a major role for the lacrosse team, as his good size and amazing athleticism brought him success on the football field, they will likely help him perform up to everyone's high expectations. There is a possibility that he will switch back to defense later in the season, as the middies become more experienced. Though he didn't score in the first game, Kyle is another safe pick for All-New England honors. In fact there have even been All-American rumblings, specifically in *The Boston Globe*.



In recent years, the girls' varsity lacrosse team has stood out as one of the most dominant teams at Andover. Along with tremendous league success, the team has recieved attention on the national level. With a great core of returners from last year's New England champs and a talented group of newcomers the team should continue the winning tradition that the last several years has created. Seniors Heather Gotha, Erin Dougherty and Annie Morris will be relied upon to pace the team not only with their special talent, but also with senior leadership and experience. That is why these three are our early-season all star prospects.

Heather Gotha '98

Heather is now competing in her twelfth varsity season at Andover. Although she played softball her junior year, she was able to use her natural athletic ability to adjust quite quickly to the varsity lacrosse squad as a lower. Since then Gotha has definitely become a force to be reckoned with, dominating opponents both offensively and defensively. Primarily an attacking midfielder, Gotha should be one of the team's leading scorers this year, as she was last year, when she earned honorable-mention All-America honors.

Erin Dougherty '98

Erin, a three year varsity player, has excelled at the attack wing position where she has developed an impressive repertoire of offensive moves. From her graceful, acrobatic catches to the amazing goals she scores off feeds that no one else seems tall enough to handle, Erin has certainly become an integral part of the Blue attack as she looks to continue the Blue's dominance in New England lacrosse.

Annie Morris '98

Annie joins the team this year as a postgraduate from Vermont, where, as a senior, she was honored as that state's best player. Morris will utilize her blistering speed and stellar defensive skills as much as possible this year when she plays defensive wing, a midfield position which arguably requires more running and sheer athleticism than any other position on the field. There is no doubt that Morris will stand out on the field and help the team reach its goals for the season. Next year she will be attending the University of Maryland, consistently the top women's program in the country, on a lacrosse scholarship.

DATE OF CONTEST: 4/11/98

OPPONENT: Albany Academy

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULT: Albany 12 , Andover 11

Albany Academy

Coming off of last week's big win against NMH, the boys' varsity lacrosse team entered the field with intensity. The game, which started with the Big Blue leading 8-5 at half-time, disappointingly ended with Albany Academy outscoring Andover by four goals in the second half and capturing the win at 12-11.

...The mighty Blue began the game calmly, using its talented attackmen and midfield to pass the ball along until scoring opportunities arrived. Taking control early on, Post-graduate midfielders Charlie Rich '98 and Rob Cristafulli '98 each capitalized on Albany defensive errors and scored. Albany Academy, not ready to give in, returned Andover's favors by quickly netting two goals. Attackman Dave Wing '98 then answered back by carrying the ball from behind the net and carefully sliding it past the Albany defense to put Andover up 3 to 2.

...However, Andover's strong and experienced defense had trouble containing the quick and skilled attackmen of Albany Academy. Defense players Jimmy Smithwick '99, J.P. Chisholm '99, John Tarantino '98, and Brice Crawford '98 did their best to cover for the multiple man-up situation Albany was given by a couple of mysterious calls from the referee. Albany took these chances given them and scored 8 out of their 12 goals on the rewarded man-up's.

...As Albany turned up their intensity, Andover began to stumble over simple skills. The tides were turned when a fallen pass from Smithwick was scored on by a quick Albany attackman, bringing their team up 9-8.

Even though goalie Ben Park '98 was playing solid, the big blue could not regain composure. Albany soon took the lead by two, making the game 10-12. Attackman Brendan Hilly '99 woke up the Andover team by scoring from a beautiful pass from fellow attackman Ethan Brodie '99. With thirty seconds to go, Andover called a time-out.

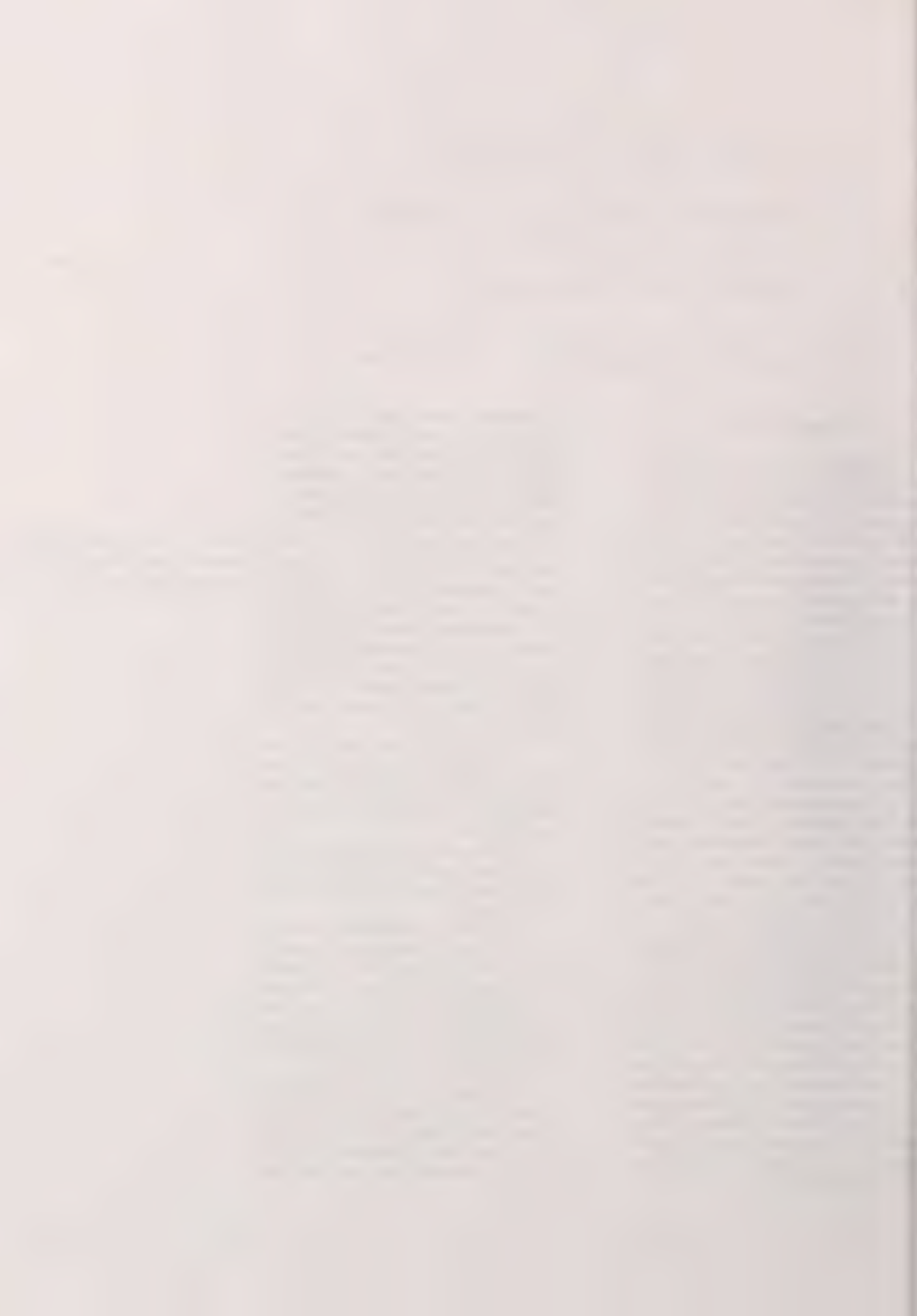
After going over their strategy, the team decided on having captain Kyle O'Brien '98 run the ball down the field and wait until a definite scoring opportunity arrived.

But instead of adhering to this plan, Andover, seeing a quicker way up the field, tossed the ball to attackman Wing.

Wing was immediately bombarded and the ball was passed to midfielder Pete Salisbury '99, who quickly headed for a goal with 4 seconds left. Salisbury looked for a high left corner shot but in mid swing his stick was hit and the ball was hurled high over the goal.

Although they lost 11-12, Andover knew that that they had played the game well. Efforts by Albany Academy; however, overwhelmed the Big Blue. Attackman Hilly, who had three

assists and two goals, echoed the sentiments of many when he said, "It is sad to see such great effort and no results."



DATE OF CONTEST: 4/15/98

OPPONENT: Bridgton Academy

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULT: Bridgton 14, Andover 3

Bridgton

The boy's varsity lacrosse team was pummeled by the elite forces of Bridgton this Wednesday. Bridgton Academy, who had five all-Americans, played with a lot of brute force and skill. The Big Blue played well and had some good moments, but ultimately the team could not suppress the powerful Bridgton offense. Andover lost 3-14.

With its smooth passes, Bridgton came out of the game early and scored two goals. Andover, upon realizing that Bridgton was playing harder than them, stepped up their efforts. Captain O'Brien took the lead by scoring with a bouncing low shot after dodging towards the goal. His success boosted Andover morale, stimulating the talented Andover offense to work. Wing, Brody, Lee, and Hilly came together to form some great attacks but were not able to put the ball in the net.

Early on, the Andover defense had to stay alert in order to stop the quick attackmen Bridgton was sending forward. Goalie Ben Park answered the

call, and kept the opposition's goals to a minimum. Defenders Smithwick and J.P. Chisholm '99 showed leadership as they continuously moved the ball to the midfield. After Bridgton scored two more goals, O'Brien, again shouldering responsibility for helping the offense, carried the ball around the net and scored.

At half-time, Andover was down by three points with O'Brien unable to play because of an arm injury. Rich filled the spot in the midfield effectively, and helped Andover keep up with Bridgton's strong midfield.

But Bridgton was able to move the ball very quickly and land 7 goals before Wing scored with a quick-stick from Hilley, tallying Andover's third and final goal.

The game ended with Bridgton Academy lacrosse team defeating Andover 14 to 3. In a great display of spirit, Andover gave their all competing with a New England Prep School powerhouse lacrosse team. Chisholm said, "We were optimistic about the game going into half time, but it was hard to bounce back after Bridgton pumped in four at the beginning of the third quarter. They were just a very mature and experienced team."



Andover's Field Hosts College Lacrosse Matchup

Photo / D. Magnus

On Sunday Amherst and Bates faced off at Andover. Here, an Amherst midfielder takes on three Bates' defenders with exceptional agility. Amherst went on to win the game 11-5 in front of a fairly large and rowdy crowd. Apparently Andover hosted the game because of flooding at the original site.

DATE OF CONTEST: 4/22/98

OPPONENT: Holderness Academy

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULT: Andover 12, Holderness 5

Team captain Kyle O'Brien '98, a midfielder, charged into a Holderness defenseman and wrap-checked him with such force that he dropped his stick. O'Brien quickly scooped up the ball and passed it up to attackman Dave Wing '98. Wing skillfully dodged the goalie's check and flicked the ball into an empty net. O'Brien's ferocious check and Wing's agile dodge undoubtedly set the tone for the game and helped Andover to control the game even more.

At the half, the score stood at 9-5, in Andover's favor, and it was clear which team was in charge. Nonetheless, Andover didn't start the second half with quite the same intensity as it had in the first half.

Not only that, but Andover was called for several slashing penalties and an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty, giving Holderness multiple man-up situations, a situation for Andover all too similar to last week's game against Albany. Against Albany, the team did not deal very well with the man-down situations and it was because of this failure that it fell by one goal to Albany.

This time, however, Andover's defense shut down the opposing attackman. The starting line of J.P. Chisholm '99, John Tarantino '98, and Jimmy Smithwick '99 played well throughout the game, but it was the other two defensemen, Ethan Lieberman '00 and Brice Crawford '98, who especially provided the defensive spark of the second half.

Lieberman and Crawford communicated well, hit hard, and prevented most of Holderness' opportunities from becoming shots during Andover's man-down situations.

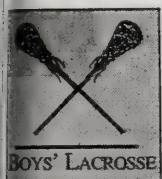
Even better than the tough defense, was the play of goalie Ben Park '98 who played spectacularly in the second half. Though Andover has had trouble during the second half of its previous games, Park recorded a second half shutout that was nothing short of amazing.

In the words of defenseman Chisholm "Ben Park came up big, shutting Holderness out in the second half. It was a great performance, and that kind of support in net is vital to our success in the future."

Andover finished up the game with style, and every player on the roster got some playing time, with the exception of Pete Weddle '98, who was unable to play as a result of sickness.

Goalie Alex Moore played an excellent nine seconds as an attackman in the fourth quarter, and Brodie and Crisafulli each put in a goal to seal the victory. (Crisafulli recording a hat trick in the process), making the score 12-5 at game's end.

With scoring, defense, and goal-tending like Wednesday's game, the Blue can expect a successful season.



Coming off last week's tough losses to Albany Academy and Bridgton, the boys' lacrosse team took on an inferior Holderness team this

Wednesday at home, and dominated the visitor right from the opening whistle. The win brought the Blue back up to a .500 record as it begins to gain momentum for the season.

Driven by a desire to avenge last week's losses, the Blue exploded out of the gates, with PG midfielder Rob Crisafulli '98 netting the first goal of the game. Holderness answered with a goal of its own, which was followed up by a tally from attackman Ethan Brodie '99, who put a skillful shot past the Holderness goalie. Andover put in a solid first quarter with seven goals, mostly because of the excellent shooting of midfielder Crisafulli and attackers Brodie and Brendan Hilley '99.

The second quarter wasn't quite as explosive, with Andover netting only two more goals. Andover was clearly dominating the game, though, and one play in particular was strong evidence.



DATE OF CONTEST: 4/25/98

OPPONENT: Deerfield Academy

WHERE PLAYED: Deerfield

RESULT: Deerfield 18, Andover 2

The Blue traveled to Deerfield last Saturday, hoping for a victory over a team that it had narrowly beaten last year. After a long bus ride, Andover quickly warmed up and lined up for the face-off. Deerfield came out with fury, looking for revenge after losing to Loomis-Chafee 11-8 the previous Wednesday.

Andover, in contrast, came out with a less focused and more relaxed attitude, probably a result of the combination of playing on the road and Saturday morning classes. In the words of defenseman Ethan Lieberman '00: "We just didn't have the kind of hustle that was expected of us." Deerfield vaulted into the lead, preventing Andover's possession of the ball. On the few shots the Blue mustered, Deerfield's quick goalie was there to stop them. Although there were numerous penalty calls against them, Deerfield's offensive players

controlled the first half, and Andover's usually tough defense couldn't seem to halt them. With every goal Deerfield put in, its confidence grew, while Andover's slowly melted away. Despite the strong effort of goalie Ben Park '98, Andover was down 10-0 at the half.

Al Moore '99 took over in goal in the second half, and this change in goal seemed to spark the lackluster Andover offense. Senior midfielder Pete Weddle cruised by the Deerfield-defense to net the Blue's first goal in the third quarter, and team captain Kyle O'Brien '98 put in another as the game wound down in the fourth quarter. Moore put in a good half, but when the game ended the score stood at 18-2. Though Deerfield didn't boast the five All-Americans of an earlier foe, Bridgton Academy, it played a great game, and gave the Blue its worst loss of the season so far.

DATE OF CONTEST: 4/28/98

OPPONENT: Governor Dummer Academy

WHERE PLAYED: Governor Dummer

RESULT: Governor Dummer 7, Andover 4

On Tuesday, the team once more piled into a bus, this time for a short ride to Governor Dummer in Byfield, Massachusetts. Despite last week's huge loss to Deerfield, Andover once again started the game slowly. Al Moore '99 started in goal for the Blue, largely on account of his strong showing against Deerfield. Just like in the Deerfield game, Andover faced a good team at home, led by an incredible goalie. It was, in the words of attackman Ethan Brodie '99, "miserable." It wasn't just a battle of skill; bad luck seemed to plague the Blue all day. O'Brien and Brodie both hit Governor Dummer's goalie several times, and attackman Brodie and Brendan Hilley '99 each had a pair of shots bounce off the goalposts. Though Moore held his own in net, the Blue simply couldn't capitalize on its opportunities, with Governor Dummer's outstanding goalie stopping it time and again. At the half, the score stood at 4-0, Governor Dummer. As had happened three days before, Andover had dug itself into an early hole. The third quarter didn't help much, and the score was 6-

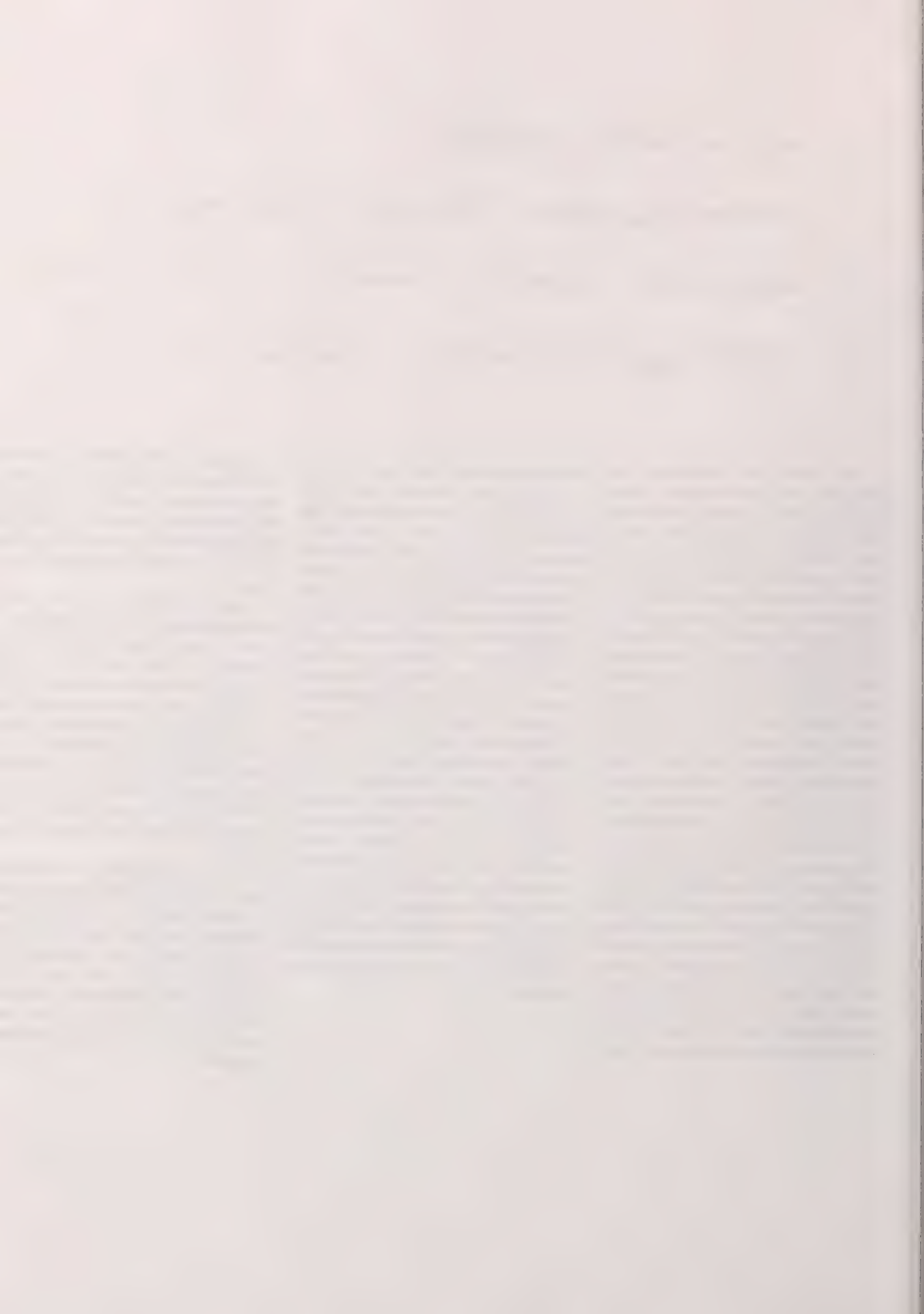
0 heading into the final quarter of play.

It was here, behind by six goals and with only a quarter to play, that the Blue suddenly began to play with a sense of urgency and this resulted in some of its best lacrosse of the season. The offense finally began to click, and the defense and midfield were adept at moving the ball up the field and avoiding Governor Dummer's defense. Attackman Dave Wing '98 put two goals by the previously impenetrable Governor Dummer goalie, and the rest of the attack joined in the scoring. Brodie put in a goal, as did Pete Weddle '98, boosting the team's confidence and lowering that of the opponents' goalie, who had seemed invincible just minutes before. Andover's shooting was backed up by the catalyst, attackman Hilley, who dished out three assists. The focused Blue offense had drawn to within two goals of Governor Dummer when it managed to slip one last goal past Moore.

Even with this setback, the Blue could have won the game if it had lasted just minutes longer. Unfortunately the game ended moments later, with the Blue excited by its excellent quarter, but its spirits dampened by the loss.

Andover had played a far superior game, beating Governor Dummer in shots, ground balls, and time of possession. In fact, the Blue had been ahead in almost every statistic but the one that counted most- the score. Governor Dummer's dominating goalie was definitely the difference in the game, frustrating Andover and providing a security blanket for his team. Andover's late rally hadn't been enough to dig the team out of its early hole.

Coaches McCleery and Richardson will lead the team against Loomis-Chaffee tomorrow, a tough foe who defeated Deerfield. Coach McCleery is hoping history will repeat itself, because a few years ago when Andover was crushed by a superior Deerfield team, and then went on to beat a Loomis squad that had beaten Deerfield.



DATE OF CONTEST: 5/2/98

OPPONENT: Loomis - Chaffee Academy

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULT: Loomis-Chaffee 11, Andover 3

With Coach McCleery in California, the team took to the field under the leadership of Coach Chuck Richardson for the first time, and there was nothing but praise for his leadership. Attacker Ethan Brodie '99, defenseman Ethan Liebermann '00, and team captain Kyle O'Brien '98 all praised Coach Richardson on his commendable first game as a head coach. In the words of O'Brien, "Chuck did an outstanding job."

A new coach wasn't the only change for the Blue; a new defense was also put into place. Called Enigma, this zone defense was a significant departure from the usual man-to-man played by Andover. The defense had practiced it all week, however, and they felt confident in their ability to put it into effect.

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In the second half, however, Loomis took over. As the Pelicans had all game, they dominated the ground, recovering the vast majority of ground balls. Though the Blue had a few more penalties than its opponents, the man-

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More than defensive problems, it was the Blue's lack of an offensive threat that really lost the game. Midfielder Jon Sinex '00 blasted a shot past Loomis-Chaffee's unprepared goalie, as did attackman Dave Wing '98. Other than that goal, Andover went scoreless in the half. As O'Brien bluntly put it: "We just couldn't get the offense going. There were several lost opportunities as the attackmen were unable to get the ball past Loomis"

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Boys' Lacrosse Continues Skid

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Loomis Andover



BOYS' LACROSSE

The boys' lacrosse team went into the weekend determined to avenge the two losses of the previous week, in a close contest with

Governor Dummer and a blowout by Deerfield. Coach McCleery was hoping the team could repeat the performance

of a previous Blue lacrosse team, which, when faced with the same situation, a devastating loss to Deerfield, responded by scorching Loomis-Chaffee the next weekend. Unfortunately, Andover was beaten by a strong Loomis squad, and was not able to end its three-game losing streak this Wednesday, as the Blue's game with Milton was rained out.

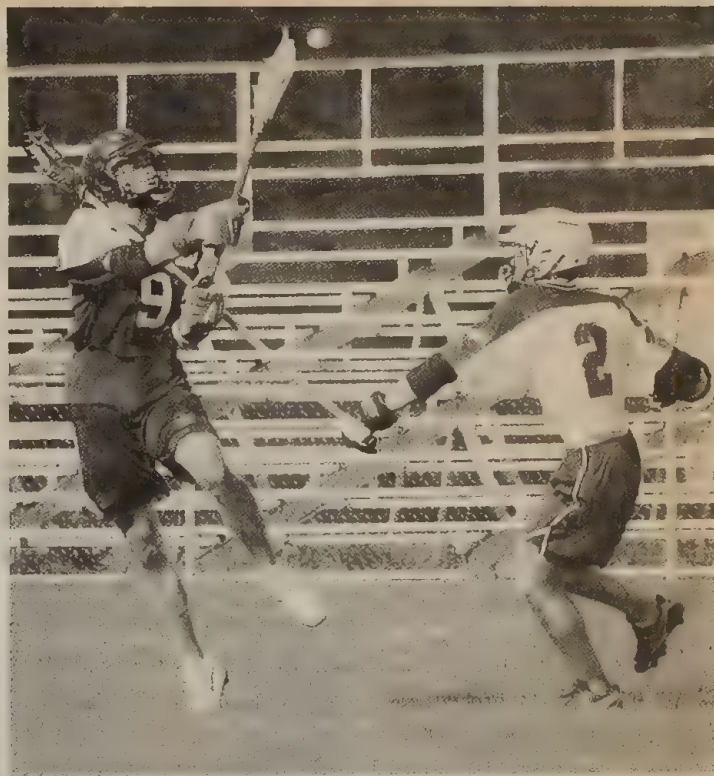
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Pete Salisbury '99, pictured here, and the boys' lacrosse team continued to struggle this week

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More than defensive problems, it was the Blue's lack of an offensive threat that really lost the game. Midfielder Jon Sinex '00 blasted a shot past Loomis-Chaffee's unprepared goalie, as did attackman Dave Wing '98. Other than that goal, Andover went scoreless in the half. As O'Brien bluntly put it: "We just couldn't get the offense going. There were several lost opportunities as the attackmen were unable to get the ball past Loomis"

skilled (or lucky) goalie. Despite strong effort by all involved, the score was 11-3 at the end."

Once again, Andover had lost a tough game that the score did not reflect. Loomis had held an obvious edge in ground balls, but Andover had controlled the ball well and played a physical game. Offensive problems and bad luck plagued the team though, extending its losing streak to three games. Chuck's formidable debut as head coach and the strong zone defense were bright spots in an otherwise dismal day. With a 2-5 record, the team is hoping to climb back to .500 by season's end, hopefully beginning with a win over Concord-Carlisle High, a public school powerhouse, tomorrow.

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WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULT: Concord Carlisle 12, Andover 8

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OPPONENT: St. Paul's School

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULT: St. Paul's 9, Andover 8

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Athlete Of The Week



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PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

In the game of lacrosse, it would seem that where a player comes from is a big part of what kind of player he or she is. Even the most plebian lacrosse player knows that everyone from Maryland is incredible, and those fans who specialize in boys' high school lacrosse also know that New York, in particular Long Island, is a lacrosse hotbed itself. Garden City High School, which won the New York State championship last year, was also ranked #3 in the country. Postgraduate Rob Crisafulli '98 was a member of that team, and it is for this reason that the boys' varsity lacrosse team is incredibly lucky to have him as a member.

Not surprisingly, his past experience at the apex of high school lacrosse has carried over to this season, for Rob is currently the squad's leading scorer. Playing either attack or midfield, he has managed to score four goals, quite an impressive tally, in a number of games. In short, Rob Crisafulli is not only a valuable asset to the boys' lacrosse team, he is one of its staples.

As aforementioned, Rob hails from Garden City, Long Island, New York. According to Rob, "Lacrosse is the biggest sport there" by far. This is certainly believable considering the team's high stature, which can perhaps

be attributed to the fact that Garden City kids start playing the sport very early on. In Rob's case, he first picked the sport up all the way back in the third grade. At this time he was playing in a town league that played other teams from Long Island. By the time junior high school rolled around he was playing on the school team, which he continued to do when he arrived at Garden City High School.

When in the ninth grade there, Rob played on the same team as present teammate and PA Varsity Lacrosse captain Kyle O'Brien, with whom he has been "best friends for awhile." When asked about his friend and teammate, Kyle says of Rob, "He has really stepped his game up incredibly this season. He has just been great doing anything the coaches [Mike McCleery and Chuck Richardson] ask of him. He is one of my best friends, and I'm just glad he's up here". The two were actually reunited on playing fields earlier this year when they were teammates on the New England Champion Football team, on which Kyle was the quarterback and Rob was the punter and kicker.

In his junior year at Garden City High, Rob made the elite varsity squad. This is obviously quite an accomplishment in itself, but the fact that the squad captured such a prized title as New York State Champion speaks volumes about Rob's lacrosse talent.

Last year, when Rob was considering his options for the future, he opted to take a postgraduate year before going on to college. He did this so that he might get into a better school and have a greater opportunity to earn an athletic scholarship. With his best friend already at one of the top schools in the country, Rob had an easy time deciding on Andover. When asked about how easy or difficult a transition it was to make here from home, Rob simply says of Andover, "It's very different from a normal high school". In retrospect, however, he has found this to be a "very good year", which seems a good enough reason to have forgone college for a year.

Speaking of college, Rob will be attending Hobart and William Smith College in New York next year. He plans to play on the lacrosse team, which is currently ranked at an impressive #10 in the Division One polls. Before he can attend to such an important business, though, Rob is looking forward to a successful completion of his one lacrosse season at Phillips Academy. Though the team has experienced some difficulties at times during the season, Rob is adamant in his support of the squad: "We have a lot of talent, and two great coaches", he says. "I like the team this year a lot." Considering his stellar performance on the lacrosse field so far this season, one can be sure that the lacrosse team likes Rob a lot, too.



Boys' Lacrosse Drops Seventh Straight

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by Gilman Barndollar
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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This past week, the boys' lacrosse team had both of its games, at home, hosting Concord-Carlisle High on Saturday and St.

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DATE OF CONTEST: 5/16/98

OPPONENT: Tabor Academy

WHERE PLAYED: Tabor

RESULT: Tabor, Andover

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OPPONENT: Pinkerton Academy

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULTS: Pinkerton , Andover

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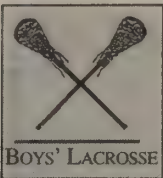
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Boys' Lacrosse Loses to Pinkerton

by Gilman Barndollar
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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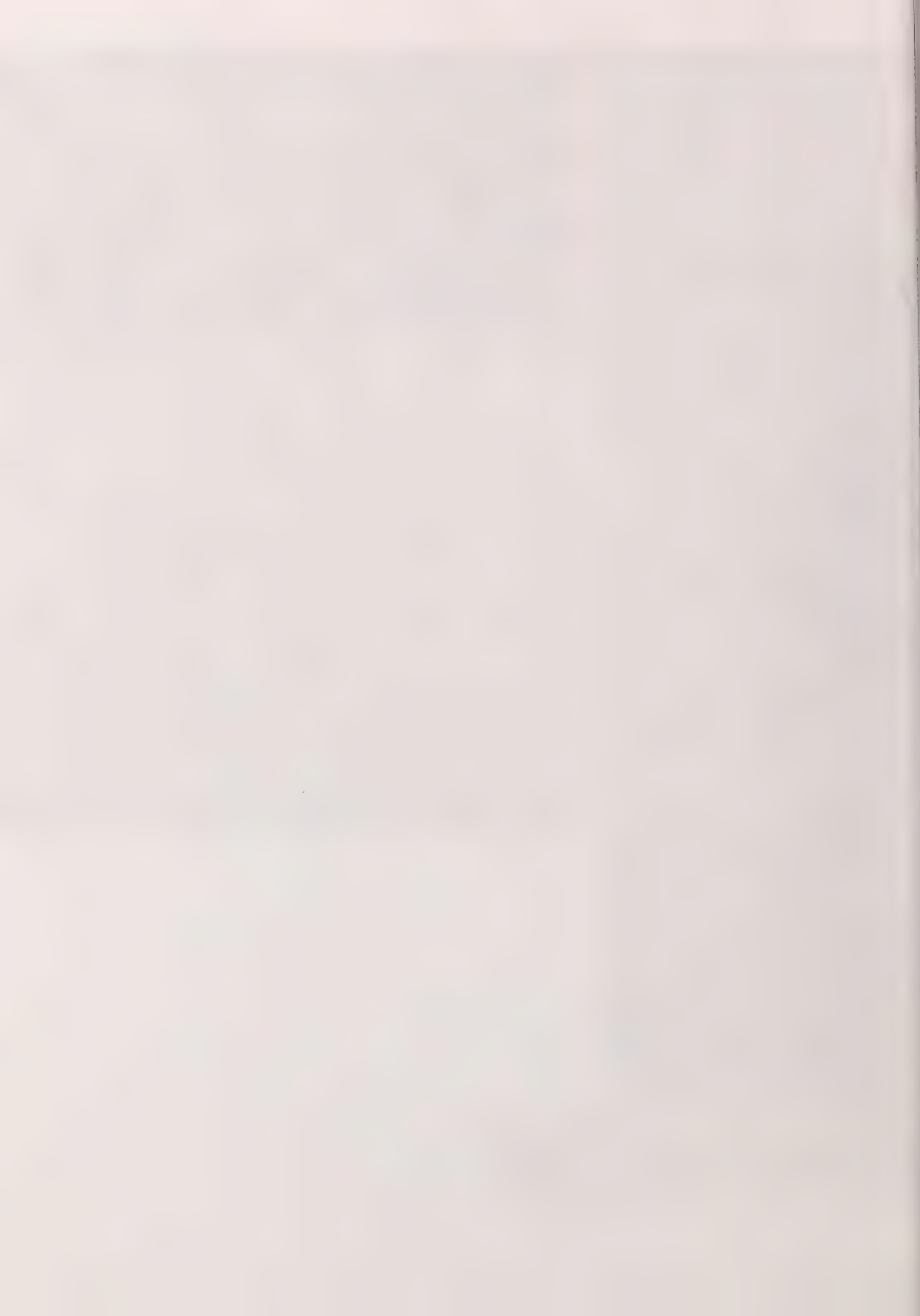
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DATE OF CONTEST: 5/23/98

OPPONENT: Exeter Academy

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULTS: Andover 6, Exeter 5

Lacrosse

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Goals: P — Rob Crisafulli 4, Pete Salisbury, Charlie Rich; E — Joaquin Walker, Mike Larocca, Andrew Miller, Pete Birkes, John Heffron

Assists: P — Crisafulli, Salisbury 2, Dave Wing, Brendan Hilley, Ethan Bradie; E — Walker, Larocca, Mike Saraceni, Ryan Glennon, Brian Raphael

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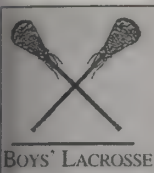
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SPRING SPORTS

Boys' Lacrosse Downs Exeter in Final Game to End Its Skid

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Fired up and ready to play after a week-long trip to Cocoa Beach, Florida, for the Royal Palms Lacrosse Tournament, the boys' lacrosse team entered the season with hopes of a winning season. A roster consisting of many

veterans and PGs Rob Crisafulli and Charlie Rich gave credence to the team's high expectations for itself. Captain Kyle O'Brien '98 and goalie Ben Park '98 were expected to have phenomenal seasons, and both delivered. Yet mental lapses, tough opponents, lost leads, and a slow-starting offense dug the Blue a 3-9 record and a losing season, but one that was happily capped by a close 4-3 win over Exeter.

The beginning of the season gave few indications of the depressing season the Blue was entering. A scrimmage with Nashua High School was lost narrowly by a score of 13-12, but a strong second half in which Andover outscored Nashua 8-4 showed the team's capabilities. In its first real game of the season, against a large and physical NMH squad which had beaten Andover the past three years, the Blue played a fine game, winning handily, 9-4. Attackman Dave Wing '98, injured for much of last season, put in the Blue's first goal and went on to contribute three more goals and two assists. Rob Crisafulli and Kyle O'Brien, moved from defense to midfield, controlled the offense and dominated face-offs. With the defense of J.P. Chisholm '99, Brice Crawford '98 and Jimmy Smithwick '99 skillfully handling NMH's attack, the outcome was never in doubt. At the half Andover led 6-3, and the Blue continued its domination in the second half, winning the game 9-4.

A week later, however, Andover's decline began with two losses at home, to Albany Academy and Bridgton Academy. Albany Academy boasted a fast and skilled attack, but the Blue played well and kept pace with the Cadets, and was down 12-11 in the last minute. A quick shot by midfielder Pete Salisbury '99 just barely missed the net, and Andover added a tough loss to its record. Playing Bridgton's elite team mere minutes later, Andover carried the fatigue and pain of its close loss into the second game. With five All-Americans on its roster, Bridgton clearly overpowered the Blue. Though Kyle O'Brien and J.P. Chisholm played particularly skillfully, Andover was blown out, 14-3.

Following the two depressing losses, Andover hosted a vastly inferior Holderness team. Strong shooting by O'Brien and Crisafulli gave Andover the lead, and Ben Park's phenomenal second half shutout led the Blue to a 12-5 victory. Bringing its record back up to .500, the Blue prepared for what were expected to be strong Deerfield and Governor Dummer teams. After a long bus ride to Deerfield, the Blue started the game slowly, and did not take advantage of numerous penalty calls against its opponents. Deerfield penetrated Andover's side of the field with ease, and despite the best efforts of Park, the score was an abysmal 10-0 at the half. Al Moore '99 took over in net at halftime, and the Blue entered the game with real effort in the second half. Midfielder Pete Weddle '98 scored Andover's first goal, and Kyle O'Brien added one of his own later in the half. Yet a newfound offense and more spirit, and Deerfield dominated the second half as well. As Andover climbed aboard the bus for the long ride home, they could still see the embarrassing 18-2 on the scoreboard.



Pete Salisbury '98 unleashes a shot in a loss to Loomis-Chaffee

Photo / L. Hoopes

The Governor Dummer game was a totally different experience, with Andover clearly being the better team. With far more shots and better ground ball skills, the game would seem to be Andover's, but there was one unseen factor: Governor Dummer's incredible goalie. Stopping what should have been easy goals, he led his team to a 4-0 lead at halftime, and a 6-0 lead at the end of the third quarter. Though Al Moore did a fine job in goal for the Blue, Andover's offense simply couldn't get anything by the opposing goaltender. A fourth period rally, spurred by Dave Wing's two goals, brought Andover within two, but GDA put in one more goal to seal its victory.

At home against Loomis-Chaffee, Assistant Coach Chuck Richardson guided the team for the first time, and was widely praised by his players. As O'Brien put it, "Chuck did an outstanding job." Though a new zone defense helped Andover contain the opposition, but the lack of a real offensive threat kept the Blue from seizing the game. Loomis exploded in the second half, and won the game in a 13-3 blowout. Hosting Concord-Carlisle in miserable weather, Andover's defense couldn't contain an adroit and skilled attack. The loss of Kyle O'Brien to a twisted ankle drove the Blue even further down, and Concord-Carlisle took home a 12-8 victory. Taking on St. Paul's the next week, several player switched position in order to provide a spark to the sliding team. The changes appeared to work, and the Blue played an energetic game, but fell to St. Paul's 9-8.

With its record at 2-7, Andover knew it couldn't end the season with a winning record, but the team played its hearts out at Tabor nonetheless. Pete Salisbury, newly moved from midfield to attack, played an excellent game, earning three goals for a hat trick. Slashing penalties held the Blue down, however, and Tabor surged in the last quarter to take a decisive 12-5 victory. Taking on Pinkerton at home the next week was not expected to be easy, as it was the 13-1 defending New Hampshire Champions. Rob Crisafulli scored a great goal right off the face-off to inspire the Blue, and Pete Salisbury put in another great performance, netting four goals. Pinkerton's midfield never seemed to tire, though, and they dominated the fourth quarter, beating Andover 11-9.

Going into the Exeter game, the Blue was absolutely determined to end its six game losing streak with a win in the biggest game of the season. With Kyle O'Brien moved back to defense, the Blue contained Exeter's attack and midfielders, and managed to hold a tenuous lead in the fourth quarter, staving off a strong Exeter counter-attack. Rob Crisafulli played his best game of the season, netting four of the Blue's six goals, and earning the game ball. Pete Salisbury and Charlie Rich also contributed a goal each, and Park, aided by the tough defense, held the lead through the closing minutes of the fourth quarter. It was a great way to end an unsatisfactory season; as O'Brien said, "No matter what your record, as long as you beat Exeter, it will always be a pretty good season."

All in all, it had been a discouraging season, but, in Coach McCleery's words, "We had a disappointing season, but the Exeter game was our team at its best." Shortly after the season ended, it was announced that Coach Richardson would take over as head coach next year. In spite of the 3-9 season, the skill of three Andover players was recognized. Kyle O'Brien received the tremendous honor of All-American, while Ben Park and Rob Crisafulli were named League All-Stars in recognition of their dominating play. J.P. Chisholm was elected team captain, and Coach McCleery expressed his hope that the victory over provide momentum for next season. With a majority of players returning, Andover should improve dramatically over 1998's sub-par season.

Kyle O'Brien '98

by Kate MacMillan
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When I was assigned to interview one of four Athletes of the Year, Kyle O'Brien '98, I felt honored, for that meant I would have the opportunity to profile one of the most prolific athletes in recent Andover history. Although Kyle was just as incredibly nice and modest as everyone had said he was, what struck me most about him was his terrific sincerity, which he obviously applies to each and every task he undertakes. For instance, when asked to reflect upon his simply remarkable athletic career at Andover, Kyle replied, "Although athletics have been an unbelievable part of my four years here, I don't want athletics to be the only thing people remember me for; they're an important thing, but they're not the only thing." After hearing this from the school's most famous athlete (he was captain of the football team, after all), I found such a statement to be quite profound, and, as I continued to learn more about Kyle O'Brien, I only became increasingly awestruck.

This past Fall Kyle returned for his second stint as co-captain of the Football team. Though the team struggled last year, the Blue hit its stride perfectly in 1998, and Kyle was at the crest of this wave of success. With the team achieving a 5-1 record, Kyle quarterbacked the Blue to its second New England Championship in three years. In the process he became the school's all-time leading passer and this performance garnered him a plethora of awards and honors. Not only was he named the most valuable player at Andover, but he was also the MVP of both the New England Prep League and The Boston Globe All-Scholastics. As if this weren't enough, in addition Kyle (a native of Garden City, Long Island, New York) was recently inducted into the National Football

ally worked his way up through the football ranks to play in middle school and eventually at Garden City High School in ninth grade. Though he loved his friends in Garden City, he was frustrated by the teachers and the classes. When in the ninth grade, by chance Kyle and his dad one day came to Andover to visit Lou Bernieri, a longtime friend of his father. To the O'Briens' surprise, Coach Lou, as Kyle affectionately refers to him, had already set up a tour and an interview for the family when they arrived here. Though at the time Kyle thought his parents had sneakily tricked him into the visit, he soon fell in love with the school and decided to matriculate as a freshman. The rest is history and, according to Kyle, he simply "couldn't imagine going anywhere else."

Surprisingly enough, however, his first days at Andover were slightly tumultuous. As the only junior arriving early for Varsity Football tryouts in 1994, Kyle found himself alone and homesick in an empty Rockwell. However, once the other new students arrived everything fell into place, for he made many new friends and at the same time assumed the starting outside linebacker position. The next year he

when one considers that, for Kyle, track is an off-season sport which happens to fall in between football and lacrosse.

In Kyle's hometown of Garden City, lacrosse is THE sport to play. Oddly enough, Kyle only began playing because his mother dragged him, kicking and screaming no less, to his first team way back in the fourth grade. Luckily for the Blue, since that time Kyle has grown to love the sport, and this past year he served as Andover's captain. Although he usually plays defense, this year he was asked to step up and play some mid-field and attack as well, which he did splendidly. As a reward for his accomplishments on the lacrosse field, Kyle was just named an All-American.

By this point, it is obvious to anyone that Kyle O'Brien has established himself as an athlete at Phillips Academy. However, he did say that he would like to be remembered for more than just sports, and he certainly will be. In his free time he has managed to lead West Quad South as Cluster President, and for the past two years he has also been a co-head of A.R.C., one of Andover's largest community service programs, which pairs PA students up with mentally or physically disabled citizens. After seeing the way Kyle carries himself in every single capacity, one has to be amazed with him. Even at this school very few individuals have made as much of an impact as he has in even one area; yet he has managed to excel in several. For this reason Kyle was chosen to attend Harvard next year, where he will follow in his father's footsteps by playing football, and in addition will play lacrosse.

For such an outstanding four years, Kyle thanks Coach Modeste (who is "like a second father"), Ms. Edwards, Mike Kuta, Coach Kennedy, and all of Tucker House. Obviously all of these people have contributed to the



Hall of Fame's Massachusetts Chapter as a Scholar-Athlete. No one is more deserving of each of these awards than Kyle, for every single one came as a result of four seasons of hard work and dedication on a team on which he started for all four years.

Of course Kyle's illustrious football career began a lot further back than four years ago; he was practically born playing the sport. His grandfather captained a Fordham squad which won the Cotton Bowl, and his father, Steven O'Brien, played at Harvard. Beginning in Pop Warner, Kyle gradu-

would take on the role as starting quarterback and, as everyone knows, he did a pretty good job at it.

In the Winter season Kyle competes in Shot Put for Winter Track. Although he had never done this before coming to Andover, his obvious strength allowed him to excel at it, much as he seems to do with everything he tries. This past season Kyle was the Blue's top shot putter, and he either won or took second place in nearly every meet the team competed in. Though such a performance might seem outstanding on its own, it pales

great success he has found here, yet somehow it seems that even without help, even if the entire world were working against him, Kyle O'Brien would somehow still manage to succeed, for he possesses that rare combination of grace, determination, and heart that takes a person far in this world. Wherever he ends up, whether it be on a football field or in the Oval Office, he will surely bring his immense talents with him, and I guarantee that he will have the same wondrous effect upon everyone he touches as he has here at Phillips Academy.

SPORT: GIRLS' LACROSSE

YEAR: 1997-98

CAPTAIN: WHITNEY GRACE
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: KATHY HENDERSON
ASSISTANT COACHES:

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Fitzpatrick, Hillary J.
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Harmeling, Ashley A.
Hayes, Meghan R.
Macmillan, Katharine
Morris, Anne D.
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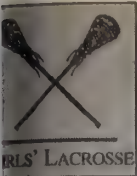
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Sat., Apr. 4	Middlesex scrimmage	A	no score	
Wed., Apr. 8	St. Mark's scrimmage	H	no score	
Sat., Apr. 11	K.U.A.	A	11	10
Wed., Apr. 15	N.M.H.	H	16	11
Fri., Apr. 16	Harvard	H	10	10
Wed., Apr. 22	Concord Carlisle High	A	9	7
Sat., Apr. 25	Taft	H	10	12 O.T.
Wed., Apr. 29	B.B. & N	A	13	4
Sat., May 2	Tabor	H	15	10
Wed., May 6	Governor Dummer	A	canceled - rain	
Sat., May 9	Thayer	A	canceled	
Wed., May 13	Winsor	H	11	6
Sat., May 16	Tournament-Pingree	A	7	9
Wed., May 20	Hingham Club	A	13	4
Fri., May 22	Exeter	H	13	5

Girls' Lax Looks to Continue Excellence

by Kate Macmillan

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE



For quite a while now, the varsity girl's lacrosse team has enjoyed a string of extremely successful seasons. Last year's squad, which finished at an impressive 13-2, also on the team's fifth straight A.I.S.G.A. (Association of Independent Schools Girls' Athletics) championship.

A recent national ranking and a multitude of Andover graduates playing on top Division I and Division III teams also attest to the obvious quality of the Andover program.

Under the superb tutelage of USA Under-19 coach (and Andover head coach) Kathy Henderson, the team has consistently finished at the top of the New England standings, and this year's squad should be no exception. Despite the losses of such athletic talents as All-American Mary Barends '97 and Steph Hunter '97 (both of whom are currently competing at the Division I level), the Blue returns with a strong core of players from last year's squad who will be expected to step up into new leadership positions.

Leading the Blue this year is Whitney Grace '98, who will be playing her third year on the squad. Grace's speed and keen shooting make her a threat in both the defensive and offensive ends. For this reason, she has become a fixture of the Blue's talented midfield.

Besides Grace, a number of other seniors will bring their skill and experience to the midfield. Heather Gotha '98, a true athletic star if there ever was one, returns after earning Honorable Mention All-America honors last season. Along with Erin Dougherty '98 (who also makes her third appearance on varsity) at attack wing, Gotha will probably be one of the leading scorers for the Blue.

A valuable addition to the midfield is postgraduate Annie Morris '98, a defensive wing with great speed who will be taking her talents to the elite lacrosse program at the University of Maryland next year. Rounding out the list of returning seniors are Helen Struck '98 and Jackie Bliss '98. These two line defenders will be heavily relied upon this season in front of the goal net, which will be tended by seniors Chace Wessling '99 and Fahren Sunderji '99. Two returning players, Tysie Sawyer '99 and Rachel Burnes '99, are expected to use their terrific speed and stickhandling skills in the defensive midfield positions. Kate Macmillan '00 returns to the team as a line attacker, adding to the Blue's potent offense.

Besides these nine returners, nine new members join this year's squad. An unprecedented eight of these nine are lowerclassmen, which bodes well for teams to come in the next few years. Two players making the jump from JV to the starting lineup are Anna Valeo '00 and Ashely Harmeling '00. They will have an immediate impact upon the



In recent years, girls' lax has been PA's dominant sport. Erin Dougherty will help keep it that way.

Photo / R. Magnus

Blue's attack. Hilary Fitzpatrick '00 and Sarah Cote '00 have also cracked the starting lineup. They will shoulder the task of filling the huge defensive gap left open by the three starting line defensemen who graduated last year.

Another valued addition to the Blue's defense is Christine Anneberg '00, a new lower who was an all-state player in Colorado. Not only is Anneberg a terrific defenseman, but she also has a knack for accurate passing and shooting.

Two other sharpshooters making their varsity debut are Genevieve Bahrenburg '00 and Susannah Richardson '00. Both of these players possess tremendous speed, giving them an effective edge at the midfield. Another lower who joins the team this year is Meghan Hayes '00. A line attacker, Hayes has a talent for utilizing her height and excellent ball-placement to her advantage. She will pose as a sure threat to any goaltender.

The final addition to the team this year is Emily Tompkins '99. An upper, this is only her second year playing the sport, yet her superb athleticism has helped her rapidly improve her stickhandling skills. This, in combination with her speed, makes her excellent at both the midfield and defense.

Although the team lost its first scrimmage to Middlesex in a tight 9-10 battle last Saturday, it returned in top form to defeat St. Mark's 14-7 on Wednesday. The Blue was particularly strong on offense, as a number of players scored multiple goals, and both goalies turned out great performances.

Tomorrow the team will travel to Kimball Union, one of its tougher opponents. Although it is very early in the season, the team has the potential to be one bound for greatness, and as the season progresses, hopefully this talented group of athletes will be able to coalesce into one invincible unit.

1998 Girls' Lacrosse Team Roster

Christine Annenberg
Genevieve Bahrenberg
Jackie Bliss
Rachael Burnes
Sarah Cote
Erin Dougherty
Hilary Fitzpatrick
Heather Gotha
Whitney Grace
Ashley Harmeling
Meaghan Hayes
Kate MacMillan
Annie Morris
Susannah Richardson
Tysie Sawyer
Helen Struck
Fahren Sunderji
Emily Tompkins
Anna Valeo
Chace Wessling

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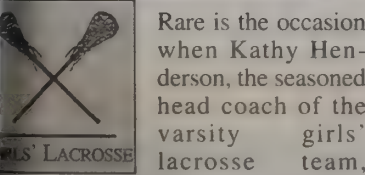
Annie Morris '98 has helped the girls' lacrosse team get off to a winning start. The team again has its sights set on another New England Championship.

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Girls' Lacrosse Off to Quick Start With Two Victories to Remain Undefeated

by Kate Macmillan
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Rare is the occasion when Kathy Henderson, the seasoned head coach of the varsity girls' lacrosse team, bestows compliments upon the entire squad after a close 11-10 match. Yet there is no doubt in anyone's mind that the Blue deserved to be praised last Saturday for playing "one of the best high school games" that Henderson could recall ever seeing. In just its first game of the season, the Big Blue managed to execute crisp, perfect passes, to shoot quickly, and accurately, to clear the ball from its defensive zone with the highest efficiency, and most importantly, to maintain possession of the ball in the tense final moments of the game. After such a demonstration of sheer athleticism and superb, all-around teamwork, the squad seems to have once again established itself as the team to beat this season.

K.U.A

After the painfully long bus ride to northwestern New Hampshire, the Blue got ready to face off with a Kimble Union Academy team that included two all-New England players on its roster. It was obvious in the opening moments of the game that the long bus trip had not impaired the Big Blue's capabilities. Starting from the initial whistle, the Blue showed much higher intensity than K.U.A. As usual, cap-

tain Whitney Grace '98 was dominant at center, winning almost every single draw that was taken. In fact, the first goal of the game was scored when Grace gained control of the ball and passed it to Heather Gotha '98, who in turn sped down the field, eluding defenders left and right to blast a shot past a dumbstruck K.U.A. goalie. So began the Andover scoring spree. Grace herself scored next, and shortly thereafter Ashley Harmeling '00 netted a goal off a beautiful pass from Gotha. Harmeling had a spectacular day feeding from behind the net, and by the game's end she had racked up three assists on passes to Anna Valeo '00, Gotha, and Grace. Valeo had two goals on the day, and both Megan Hayes '00 and Genevieve Bahrenburg '00 would also score before the game was over.

Perhaps the most commendable player of the match was Sarah Cote '00, who, in only her second year of playing and first season on varsity, was asked to cover one of K.U.A.'s best defense wing players man-to-man for the entire game. Cote rose to the challenge in style and shut her girl down completely, while at the same time coming up with a number of key interceptions and blocks that prevented some of K.U.A.'s fast break attempts.

Helen Struck '98 was also highly effective on defense, and goalies Chace Wessling '99 and Fahreen Sunderjii '99, who split the game in the goal, came up with eight saves apiece. Sunderjii's composure in the final minutes of the game, when K.U.A. cut the Blue's lead to only one goal, was spectacular, for there were a number of instances where the game could have been lost had Sunderjii not been there to stop shots.

As the game drew to a close, the team threw the ball over the field while K.U.A. chased it helplessly. Though the girls had not even practiced such a

stalling tactic, it seemed to come naturally, as many things have this season, and the game ended fittingly with Gotha (4 goals, 1 assist) streaking down the field with the ball, ahead of all her K.U.A. pursuers. It was a tremendous victory in every aspect of the game, and the team could only look forward to facing its next opponent, NMH, a squad which handed the Blue one of its two losses last season.

NMH

As the two teams took the field last Wednesday, the Blue knew two things: one, the center for NMH had run all over them last year and was back again and two, it simply had to find a way to defeat this team which somehow always managed to get the better of them. Grace stepped up to the center and, as always, won the draw as soon as the ball flew into the air. She carried it behind the goal and passed off to Harmeling, who then made a perfect feed which was unfortunately saved by the NMH goalie. The opposing center, having picked the ball up and carried it all the way downfield to the Blue goal, scored on Wessling, thus bringing the score to 1-0. This, however, was the last time that NMH would lead, for Kate Macmillan '00 scored four goals in the first five minutes of the game with passes from Gotha, Grace, and Erin Dougherty '98. This gave the Blue a 4-2 lead with twenty minutes left in the first half. NMH was forced to call a timeout due to the Blue's offensive overload, and from this point on Andover never looked back. Grace and Gotha each scored on fast breaks a short while later, followed quickly by Harmeling scoring point-blank on the goalie after intercepting a pass. The fast-break dominance continued as Annie Morris '98 sped down from the defense wing all the way to the goal to bring the score to 8-2. With such a

cushing lead, the Blue was able to concentrate on its settled offense to produce one more first half goal on a nice feed from Harmeling to Gotha. Meanwhile, when NMH managed to get the ball it also managed to carry it to goal, where the Blue defense was constantly being called for shooting space and dangerous checking. Luckily, Wessling played her most brilliant game to date, and literally became a wall to all NMH shooters. Perhaps such a dramatic improvement in goalie play can be attributed to goalie coach Sarah Conway '00, who has been able to work closely with the goalies at practices.

Entering the second half, the Blue sat on a nice 9-2 lead. This enabled Coach Henderson to experiment with different people at various positions and also allowed the attack to fine-tune some of its more intricate plays. The settled attack brought goals from Gotha, Grace, Dougherty, and Morris, while at the same time Tysie Sawyer '99 used her speed at attack wing to run the ball in for some fast break action. Christine Anneberg '00, a low defenseman by trade, was called up to fire one of her deadly free shots on the NMH goalie, and sure enough she was able to deliver with a bulleting bounce shot. In addition Sunderjii played a solid half in goal, and once again Struck, in combination with Hillary Fitzpatrick '00, was a force to be reckoned with on low defense.

In short, this game, which was a fine display of the Big Blue's potent attack and transition skills, only continued to assure lacrosse fans everywhere that the Blue is on a roll this season. Today the squad faces Harvard JV in Siberia at 3:45 p.m. In the past this has been one of the toughest games of the season, and it should be interesting to see how the Blue manages the Crimson after its hot streak of victories.

Girls' Lacrosse Ties Harvard JV, Pounds Concord-Carlisle

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PHILLIPS' LACROSSE

The girls' varsity lacrosse team continued on a roll this past week as it once again demonstrated its tremendous ability to score fast and

ten when playing under pressure against opponents like Harvard and Concord-Carlisle.

While last Friday's nail-biter against Harvard showed that the Blue still has a few kinks to work out at this point in the season, the team's awesome dominance over Concord-Carlisle, one of the top public school programs in Massachusetts, on Wednesday surely dispelled any remaining doubts surrounding their capabilities.

Harvard

As the rain poured down last Friday, the girls' lacrosse team, the only squad playing in spite of the lackluster weather, faced a talented Harvard JV team. The Blue opened up a quick lead when Heather Gotha '98 hit Kate Macmillan '00 with a great pass for a goal in the first minute of the game. The Big Blue was able to maintain control of the ball as Whitney Grace '98 gained possession of almost every center draw that she took.

In fact, the Blue held the ball for much of the half behind the Harvard net and was so successful at moving the ball around offensively that Harvard did not score until the game's eighth minute, when they brought the score to 1-1.

Gotha was the next to tally a goal for the Blue; Erin Dougherty '98 followed shortly thereafter with a feed from Ashley Harmeling '00. At this point in the half, Harvard managed to capitalize on the Blue's defensive confusion by scoring four straight goals and taking a 5-3 lead. Although Grace scored one more for the Blue on a strong crease roll, Harvard also racked up one more to lead 6-4 at halftime.

The Blue was rather shocked by the halftime deficit, for it had dominated early and appeared to be the

stronger of the two teams. Coach Henderson challenged her squad to start the second half with a "bang" by scoring the quick goals needed to take its lead back. Although such a call prevented the Blue from practicing many of its settled offensive plays, it was obvious to everyone present that the prescribed fast goals were crucial for a Blue comeback. Grace rose to the occasion in high form by scoring thirty seconds into the half, and Gotha tallied another goal two minutes later to tie the score up.

Harvard refused to be overwhelmed; however, and reclaimed the lead with two quick, consecutive goals. With the score at 7-6, the Blue returned to the center circle to take another draw.

Gotha gained possession and sprinted down the field, past her defender. As she came into Harvard's zone, she was picked up by her own defender as well as Macmillan's. Seeing the shift, Gotha quickly flipped the ball to the wide open Macmillan, who in turn pivoted and shot one past the Harvard goalie. At this point the Blue seemed to regain some composure and tried to hold the ball more behind the Harvard goal to use up time. This proved semi-successful for a while, as neither team scored for the next twelve minutes.

With five minutes left, however, Grace took control by scoring two goals in two minutes, and as a result gave the Big Blue its first lead since the beginning of the game. As the game's final two minutes ticked away, it appeared that the Blue would wear out the clock and claim the victory. However Harvard had other plans and, with an interception of a faulty Blue pass that had been intended to stall, the Crimson bolted down the field and scored on the outnumbered Blue defense.

With the game once again tied, Coach Henderson called a timeout and emphasized possession to her team. Possession was not to come immediately, though, for it was Harvard that won the next center draw. With a foul called in the Blue's goal area, Harvard was awarded a free shot with thirty-five seconds left in the match. The Harvard player successfully placed a shot past goalie Fahreen Sunderjii '99 to give her own team the lead.

With game time dwindling, the next draw was extremely critical if the Blue was to avoid victory. Luckily, Dougherty grabbed the ball from the

air and carried it speedily downfield. A penalty was miraculously called on Harvard, awarding the Blue a free shot. With fourteen seconds left on the clock, Christine Anneberg '00, one of the team's best eight-meter shooters, was sent in to take the shot. Though triple teamed, Anneberg calmly ran through her defenders and blasted the ball past the Harvard goalie. She had singlehandedly saved the team from a loss, leaving the team rejoicing over her spectacular shot even as time ran out.

Concord-Carlisle

When the Blue took the field in Concord on Wednesday, they had no idea what to expect of this team they had never faced before. However as the game opened and the Blue took control, it became evident that Andover was by far the superior squad. The Blue, eventually leading 11-0 at the half, began its scoring when Tysie Sawyer '99 scored off a Macmillan pass.

Macmillan in turn scored next on a great feed from Harmeling, who then tallied a goal herself on a fast break from the top of the Concord-Carlisle goal circle. The two later re-connected to make the score 4-0 in the game's opening minutes.

Harmeling, Sawyer, and Gotha all scored again in the half; Anna Valeo also blanked the goalie on one of her patented high shots. Meanwhile Chace Wessling '99 had five saves in goal to earn a shutout for the half, and Sarah Cote '00, Susannah Richardson '00, and Emily Tompkins '99 were especially productive at the midfield.

In the second half of the game, the Blue was able to experiment with different players at new positions and to execute some of its more intricate plays. As a result, Gotha (four goals on the day), Harmeling (three goals), Macmillan (three goals), and sharpshooter Anneberg all scored during the half, while Sunderjii notched five saves of her own in goal.

The win was quite a morale-booster, allowing the Blue's young players to get plenty of experience, which is what it will need when it faces Taft, one of its toughest opponents this year. That game will be played at 4:00 tomorrow in Siberia. One is well advised to come and watch the school's premier powerhouse team as it plays what should be one of the season's best games.

Girls' Lacrosse Faces First Setback

by Kate Macmillan

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GIRLS' LACROSSE

This past week the girls' varsity lacrosse team tasted both the bitter agony of defeat and the sweet flavor of a huge victory. Last Saturday, Taft handed the Blue its first loss of the season, 12-10, in a tightly contested overtime match. An impressive defensive effort combined with a smart attack enabled Taft to dominate the Blue like no team so far this season. However, the loss exposed several Andover weaknesses which the Blue fixed before they faced an inferior BB&N team on Wednesday.

Taft

When the Big Blue took the field against Taft last Saturday, it had absolutely no idea what to expect. All it knew was that the Taft squad hadn't lost a game in two years and that it had sent multiple players to top Division I programs.

With this in mind the team knew that it had to be aggressive from the very beginning, and leading scorer Heather Gotha '98 set a great example when she ran the ball in to score in the game's second minute. Gotha scored again two minutes later by penetrating the Taft goal circle and blasting a shot past the goalie.

Up by two goals, the Blue seemed to be taking charge in the exact way it had hoped. For the next six minutes, however, the ball was frequently turned over as Taft exerted a great deal of double-teaming pressure and slowed down Andover's normally fast midfield transition.

Eventually it became clear that Taft had two highly skilled (and very big) go-to players, and in the eleventh minute one of these stars blasted a shot past goalie Chace Wessling '99 on a fast break, thus bringing the score to 2-

1. Ninety seconds later Taft had scored again, and it would score two more times before the Blue was able to regain its composure. With her team down 2-4, Whitney Grace '98 calmly fed a great pass to Gotha for her third goal of the game.

Less than a minute later Tysie Sawyer '99 was carrying the ball downfield and passing it to Kate Macmillan '00. Macmillan was fouled and awarded a free shot, which she capitalized upon when she tallied a goal to even the score at 4-4. Although this brought the Blue a brief moment of excitement, it soon had to worry about being down by two again as Taft scored its fifth and sixth goals in the closing minutes of the half.

As the second half began, Coach Henderson encouraged the Blue to settle down its frantic offense which had been so disrupted by Taft's collapsing double teams. The team evidently took these words to heart, for in the half's first twenty seconds Ashley Harmeling '00 hit a wide open Macmillan for the Blue's fifth goal of the game.

Continuing the momentum, Gotha scored the fourth of her five goals moments later to once again bring the game to a tie. Unfortunately, a lead was nowhere to be found for the Blue, as Taft's two top scorers of the day gave their team a two-goal lead for the third time in the game.

The Big Blue was by this point used to such a deficit, however, and pressed on with its settled offense, which eventually led to a beautiful goal by Anna Valeo '00 off a pass from Grace, who was the next to even out the score on a crease roll in the thirteenth minute of the half. The two teams then traded goals, which brought the score to 9-9.

Taft scored next and took the lead, although the Blue refused to be placated when Gotha scored her fifth goal with three minutes remaining to avoid the loss for the time being. In the final moments of regulation the ball was run up and down the field by both teams, and despite the fact that each squad

had a few scoring opportunities, neither was able to capitalize, and thus the game went into overtime.

As the short overtime began, it became clear that Taft was going to emerge the victor, for the Blue was obviously tired and frustrated by its inability to run its transition offense effectively. Two goals were scored by the opponent, and the game was lost. It was certainly a disappointment, yet the team had made an impressive effort against one of the toughest teams it would face all season, which had to bring just a little bit of satisfaction.

BB&N

Although in the past BB&N had proven to be rather tough competition for the Blue, its lackluster performance on Wednesday provided for an easy victory when the squad travelled to Cambridge.

From the opening draw, when Erin Dougherty '98 gained possession, the Big Blue dominated. In the first minute Dougherty ran the ball down the field and passed it off to Macmillan, who, by blanking the BB&N goalie, made the score 1-0 in Andover's favor.

Macmillan scored the next goal moments later off a pass from Sawyer, and shortly thereafter Annie Morris '98 ran the ball in from the defense wing to put the Blue up 3-0.

Taking advantage of an extremely weak BB&N goalie, Dougherty,

Harmeling, Gotha, Christine Anneberg '00, and Rachel Burnes '99 all tallied to give Andover an insurmountable 9-0 lead before BB&N was able to get on the board in the twenty-first minute. Emily Tompkins '99 netted another one for the Blue before halftime, making the score stood at 10-1.

With the victory already at hand, Coach Henderson experimented with various offenses and lineups, and, for this reason, the second half, though lower scoring, was also more challenging for the Blue.

Gotha, Dougherty, and Grace each scored goals in the half off plays from the settled offense, and the defense in particular was spectacular. Helen Struck '98 and Sarah Cote '98 each had especially strong days with their terrific checks and clears, and both Wessling and Fahreen Sunderji '99 had multiple saves in goal.

All in all the game was a great success, as well as the perfect way to keep the team's momentum up after the disappointing Taft loss.

Tomorrow the team faces Tabor, at home, in what should be another thrilling contest between two of New England's premier squads. With a potent offense and a brick wall of a defense, the girls' varsity lacrosse team is sure to provide great entertainment for any crowd that is present.



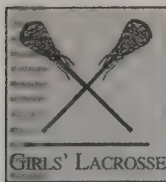
Heather Gotha '98 scored five goals in Saturday's loss to Taft

Girls' Varsity Lacrosse Rebounds from First Loss by Defeating Tabor, 15-10

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by Kate Macmillan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

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Despite a cancellation due to rain last Wednesday, the girls' varsity Lacrosse team enjoyed a great week of practices

following Saturday's victory over Tabor, in which it came on strong in the end to soundly defeated the rather talented team. Although the game was rather flat in the beginning, the Big Blue gained momentum throughout the contest and was completely dominant by the end. The attack was especially solid in the second half, when Tabor managed to narrow the lead to a one goal margin for a short period of time. After a timeout was called, however, the Blue's offense completely

took control by scoring three unanswered goals, followed by a quick four goal outburst in a short span of just four minutes. By game's end, it became obvious that the Blue had a firm grasp on victory and there was no way Tabor was going to take it away.

As the game began, Coach Henderson reminded her team that there were a few star players on the Tabor squad that needed to be watched, and that this would prove key to the outcome of the game. Henderson obviously knew what she was talking about, for one of the three players who she mentioned proceeded to score the first four Tabor goals of the game, including two in the first three minutes.

Luckily, the Blue was able to stay competitive early on, for, only seconds after Tabor's first goal, Heather Gotha '98 found Erin Dougherty '98 wide open in the goal circle when driving the crease, and was thus able to bring the score to 1-1. Though Tabor scored a few minutes later, the Blue was once

again able to match their goal when Kate Macmillan '00 scored on a great pass from Tysie Sawyer '99 at the wing. Shortly thereafter Gotha would score, and in the following minute Ashley Harmeling '00 also faked out the goalie on a terrific free shot. Gotha would score again to make the score 5-2, and thus it seemed that Andover had the game well in hand.

Because of a combination of suddenly lackluster play by the Blue and an offensive surge by Tabor, however, the opponent scored two goals in the subsequent ten minutes, forcing Coach Henderson to call a timeout due to the suddenly close 5-4 score. She must have said something effective in that short

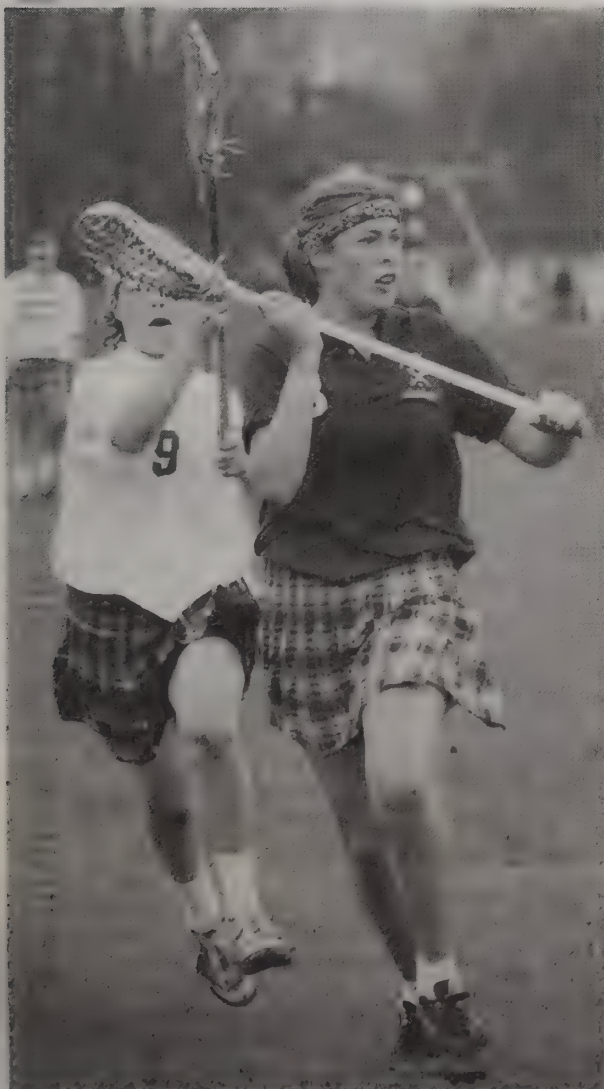
time, for in the half's closing minutes Tabor's offense was basically shut down by the tremendous defensive effort of Helen Struck '98 and Christine Anneberg '00, while at the same time Gotha scored one goal and Macmillan netted two to give the Blue an 8-5 lead at halftime.

Despite the seemingly safe three-goal lead that Andover had going into the second half, Tabor caught the Blue off its guard when it quickly scored two early goals. The Big Blue, however, refused to let go of the win, and the one-goal margin that Tabor had narrowed the lead to in those early minutes was the last of its kind.

In the ensuing three minutes, the Blue extended its lead to three with two goals that came as a result of the deadly Sawyer-to-Macmillan combination. Anna Valeo '00 also tallied one on a feed from Whitney Grace '98 before Tabor rallied back for two more goals. With the score once again close at 11-9, Henderson felt the need to call another timeout. Once again such a move proved highly effectual, for moments later Rachel Burnes '99, on a pass from Gotha, scored the most impressive, most memorable goal of the season when she caught the ball and did a three-hundred-sixty degree turn in midair to fake out and score on the Tabor goalie. Burnes' goal completely reinvigorated the Blue offense, which all of a sudden was on fire as Gotha, Grace, and Morris all scored unanswered goals in a matter of two minutes. Meanwhile, Chace Wessling '99 (seven saves on the day) was superb in between the pipes, as she allowed only one Tabor goal in the final ten minutes.

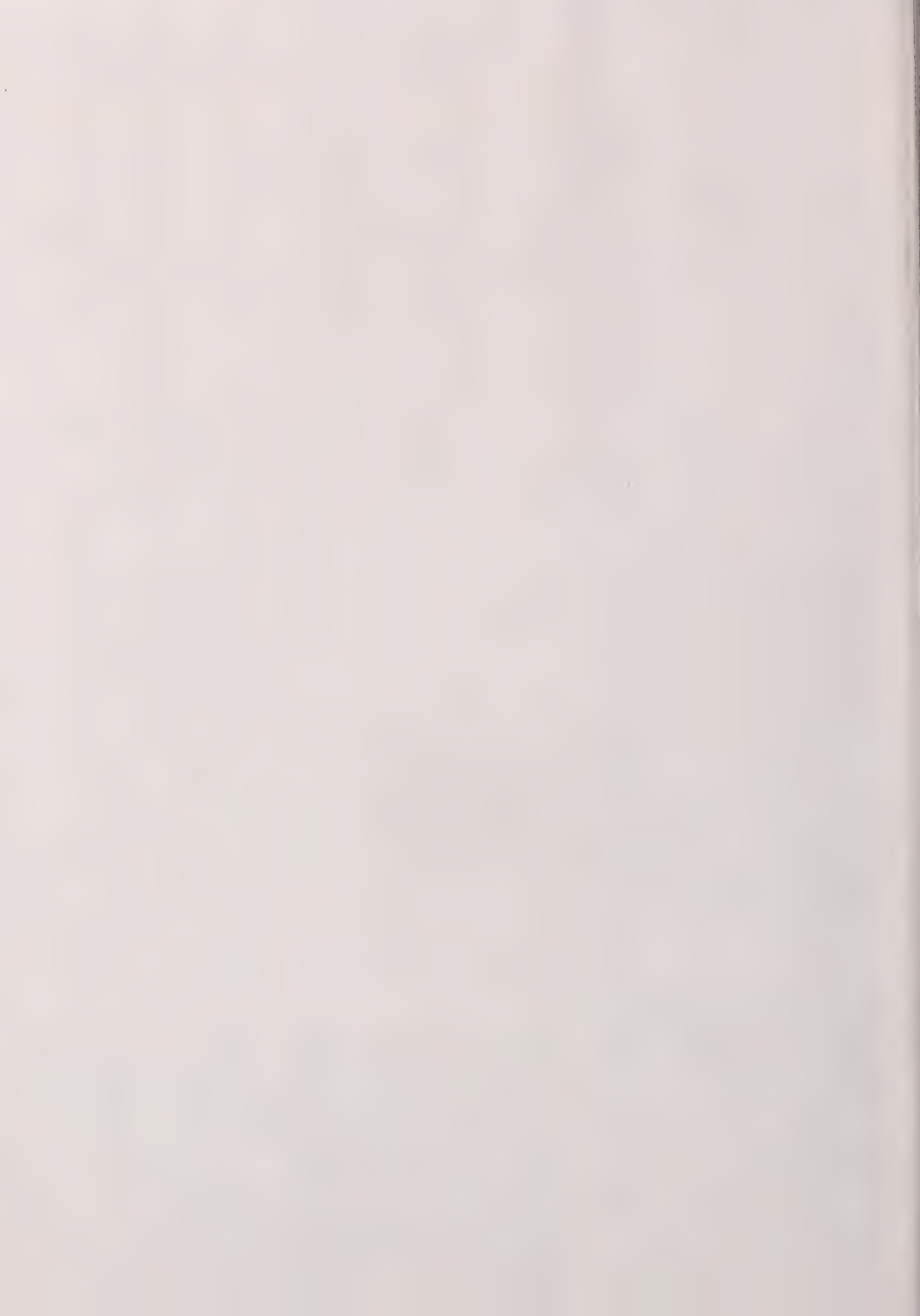
As the final whistle blew, the Blue celebrated this victory which had come after so many close calls. The entire team's outstanding all-out effort towards the end of the second half was outstanding, and the high-scoring offense, led by Gotha (four goals, three assists) and Macmillan (five goals) was particularly commendable for scoring under pressure.

Tomorrow the team will face Thayer, which is rumored to have a defense designed to shut down high-powered attacks like Andover's. Such a clash of styles should provide for a terrific contest between two very athletic teams that have each fared well thus far in the season, and the outcome of this game should help the Blue determine how well it should do in defending its title at the upcoming A.I.S.G.A tournament next weekend at Pingree.



Anna Valeo '00 controls the ball

Photo / L. Hoopes



Strong Second Half Lifts Girls' Lacrosse

by Kate Macmillan

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

Andover 11
Winsor 6



The girls' varsity lacrosse team came out roaring last Wednesday as it soundly defeated Winsor in its first game in over a

week.

Because of last week's showers, the Big Blue's last two games, against Governor Dummer and Thayer, had both been cancelled, and some worried that such a lack of playing time might hinder the team from playing at its consistently high level. These fears were quelled early on, however, when the Big Blue's powerful offense gave the team a 1-0 lead only thirty seconds into the contest. Not only did the game prove that the past week's weather had not phased the Blue, it also marked the return of Jackie Bliss '98, who had been out all season recovering from a knee injury sustained during the winter.

Bliss' excellent performance in this game brought sighs of relief to fans everywhere, who welcomed the addition of another important defenseman.

Finally, many looked to this game as an indicator of what to expect at Saturday's A.I.S.G.A. tournament, where the Blue will look to defend its five year championship winning streak. Winsor is a key participant in this tournament, and a loss to them could have spelled out doom for Saturday. Luckily, no such thing occurred, and the Blue will ride their victory into Saturday's two games.

Going into this game, there was much debate over what kind of team Winsor would field. The two squads met twice last year. One time the Blue slaughtered Winsor by ten goals, the next time they won by only one goal, which was scored in the last ten seconds of play.

The Blue was also very aware of the Winsor goalie, who they remembered to be quite large and aggressive. With this in mind, coach Kathy Henderson emphasized the importance of the offense and the need for it to make a particularly strong effort. Heather Gotha '98 paid heed to coach Henderson's words when she ran the ball in from the fifty yard line to score in the game's first thirty seconds. Two min-

utes later, Kate Macmillan '00 also blanked the Winsor goalie off a pass from Ashley Harmeling '00. Two goals in three minutes seemed to bode well for the Blue, until the Winsor offense finally made a showing when it quickly moved the ball downfield and scored on Blue goalie Chace Wessling '99.

Five minutes later Harmeling made the score 3-1 when she gunned the ball into goal on a direct shot. Winsor, not to be put down, proceeded to score two goals in the subsequent two minutes. Questionable officiating and much un-called roughness on the field were making the game increasingly frustrating for both teams. For this reason Coach Henderson felt the need to

call a time-out to calm down her team. Moments later Gotha scored on an impressive crease roll, and once again the Blue held a one-goal lead. Two minutes later, however, Winsor scored again to tie, and then took a brief lead, its only lead of the game, when it scored again in the game's twenty-first minute.

The Blue offense remained persistent, though, and evened out the score less than a minute later when Macmillan calmly tallied a goal on a direct shot. This was to be the last goal of the half, and at the end of the first twenty-five minutes each team retired to the sidelines determined to break the near-gridlock of the first half.

In short, the Big Blue completely

owned the second half. Due to the impressive defensive efforts of Helen Struck '98, Christine Anneberg '00, Rachel Burnes '99, and Erin Dougherty '98 (who was moved to defensive wing in the second half), Winsor was barely allowed in the Blue goal zone. Fahreen Sunderjii '99 almost had a shut-out for the half, except that Winsor scored with only forty-three seconds remaining in the game.

Regardless of this one downfall, however, it cannot be denied that the Blue's outstanding performance in the second half for the victory bodes well for Saturday's tournament. Not only was the transition offense was nearly flawless, as evidenced by the four goals that came from Blue fast breaks,

Gotha and Anna Valeo '00 had managed to score on terrific passes from the settled attack that the Blue is so fond of.

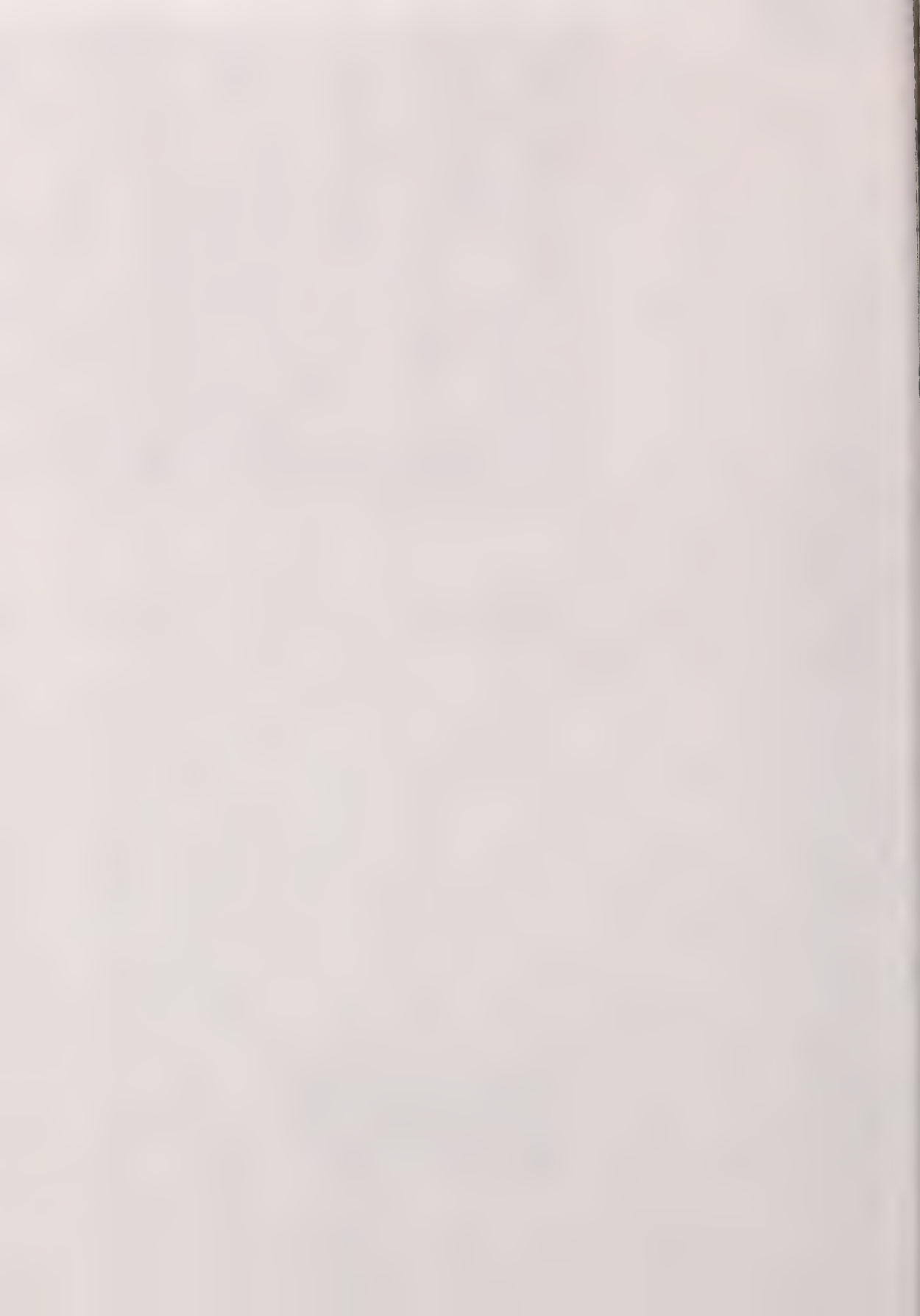
By game's end, a number of attack players had finished with multiple points on the day, most notably Harmeling (three goals, three assists), Macmillan (four goals), and Gotha (three goals), who also happen to be the team's current three leaders in total points.

Hopefully these high scorers, along with the passing prowess of Whitney Grace '98 and Tysie Sawyer '99, will continue to dominate other defenses tomorrow when the team travels to Pingree for the all-important A.I.S.G.A. tourney.



Ashley Harmeling '00, pictured running the ball upfield, and the girls' lacrosse team outscored Winsor 6-1 in the second half to seize the win.

Photo / J. Mitchell



Girls' Lacrosse Falls to Tabor in Tourney

by Kate Macmillan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	9
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The past week presented to the girls' varsity lacrosse team a number of different challenges that it really never had to face in the past. For one thing, last Saturday the team had to deal with being seeded third (of four teams) in the Eastern Independent League (formerly A.I.S.G.A.) tournament, a tournament of which it was the five-time defending champion. Though the team easily advanced to the championship round with a strong win over Berwick, in the finals it squandered a 5-0 lead and fell to long-time-foe Tabor, a squad the Blue had

previously defeated 15-10 only two weeks earlier. Despite this rather shocking loss, the Blue was able to bounce back by soundly defeating Hingham High School, the undefeated top-ranked public school team in Massachusetts. With such a mercurial week under its belt, the Blue must now utilize what it has learned from playing such a variation of talent when it faces Exeter in its season finale tonight under the lights.

E.I.L. Tournament

As aforementioned, the Big Blue arrived at Pingree, host of this year's tournament, to learn, much to its chagrin, that it was seeded third out of four teams in its division. This was especially shocking considering that Winsor, the #1 seed, had lost 6-11 to the Blue the preceding Wednesday. The Blue played with the cards they were dealt, however, and went on to face the second-seeded Berwick, an undefeated squad from Maine. The Big Blue had no idea what to expect

from this team, though they felt confident that they could handle them. This became increasingly evident when the girls jumped out to a 1-0 lead only two minutes into the game on a fast-break goal by Tysie Sawyer '99. A minute later Heather Gotha '98 scored a goal of her own, and one minute after that Kate Macmillan '00 also tallied one off a pass from Ashley Harmeling '00. Although the next ten minutes of the half went scoreless due to the impressive play of both Berwick's goalie and Andover's own keeper Chace Wessling '99 (who earned a shutout in her half), the Blue still maintained ball control in its offensive zone, and eventually both Whitney Grace '98 and Gotha produced goals to make the score 5-0 at the half.

With the game seemingly under control, Coach Henderson made few changes and encouraged the team to continue with its fast-break offense, which had proved fruitful early on. The second half, however, posed the Andover defense with a challenge that it had not seen in the first half. One Berwick player ran the ball all the way down the field to score twice in just three minutes, bringing the score to 5-2. Luckily Gotha answered those goals with one of her own on a direct shot in the third minute; nevertheless Berwick had all of a sudden gained momentum. In the sixth and seventh minutes the Blue's opponent had put two more shots past goalie Fahreen Sunderji '99, thus bringing the score to 6-4. This is as close as they would get, however, because a few minutes later Macmillan scored on a direct shot to break Berwick's brief scoring spree. She and Gotha would each score once more in the half to bring the final score to 9-4, and the Blue's victory advanced it to the tournament title game.

This hard-fought win had brought out the best in the Blue, both offensively and defensively. Wessling was nothing short of brilliant between the pipes, and Gotha (four goals), Macmillan (three goals), and Harmeling (four assists) each made strong contributions to the potent offense.

It was this very offense that got the Blue off to such an incredibly strong start at the beginning of the Tabor game. When Grace won the first draw of the game, she carried the ball downfield and behind the Tabor net to set up the Blue's settled attack, which it hadn't used very much in the Berwick game. Tabor was utterly confused by Andover's intricate cutting system, and as a result Grace was able to dish the ball off to Macmillan for a goal in the game's first minute. Twenty seconds later Grace earned her second assist on a similar pass to Gotha. Only a few minutes later Macmillan and Annie Morris '98 each scored on passes that once again came from the settled offense. Shortly thereafter Morris picked up an assist when she connected with Harmeling to score on a fast-break in the fourth minute. Tabor

found itself down 5-0 in the game's opening moments, and it called a timeout to break the Blue's wild momentum and to reorganize its defense. This proved a wise move, for the Blue was held to only one more goal in the half, while Tabor managed to tally four in the half's remaining minutes. As in the first game, the Blue suddenly found itself with a much narrower lead than what it had originally built up, and at the half Henderson encouraged conservative play by both the offense and defense.

The second half, unfortunately, was entirely different from the first in that the Blue's offense was no longer smooth and quick but instead choppy and disorganized. Meanwhile Tabor's attack played with an intensity unparalleled by any other team this season. Though Morris, Macmillan, and Harmeling each scored in the half to keep the Blue in the game, Tabor's top scorer netted four goals in eight minutes and this showing, combined with the rest of the Tabor offense, proved too much for the Blue defense to handle. Despite strong playing by both Helen Struck '98 and Christine Anneberg '00 in the defensive end, the Blue was simply worn out in the sec-

ond half by Tabor, who seemed to simply want the win more than Andover. Perhaps what hit the Blue hardest about this loss was that it had held the lead until the game's final two minutes; more often than not the Blue offense had been at its strongest at this time, yet in this game it was nowhere to be found.

Sadly, Andover lost its first tournament in over five years. There were a few benefits that came from this particular tournament, however. First of all the Blue had played one of its best offensive sequences of the season in the Tabor game, and Henderson reminded her team of this. Secondly, Macmillan and Wessling were both named to the tournament All-Star team for their performances. Thirdly, the Blue learned that it was not invincible, nor could it simply ride an early lead to victory. With this in mind, it aimed to play with a new intensity for the entirety of its next contest, not just the first five minutes or the first half.

Tonight at 5:30, Andover and Exeter will meet in each squad's final game of the year, and one would be well advised to go up and cheer one of this year's most successful and exciting teams.



Erin Dougherty '98 brings the ball upfield

Photo /L. Hoopes

Successful Girls' Lacrosse Team Slips in the Tourne

by Kate Macmillan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE



1998 was a year of both final seniority and rebirth for the Girls' Varsity Lacrosse team. The team had six seniors, all of whom started and were invaluable to the team, but also had eight sophomore, four of whom started regularly and all of whom made great contributions to the squad. 1998 also marked the final year of coaching at Andover for both Kathy Henderson, who will begin a leave of absence next year, and Lisa Pimentel, who will coach at the JV level next year. With this in mind, the team determined early on that this would be a season to remember, and that it definitely was.

This year began with many things left up in the air. Last year's roster carried eight seniors, including six starters, leaving huge gaps at nearly every at the beginning of the season in April. Luckily, the superb leadership of captain Whitney Grace '98, along with that of the team's other seniors, Jackie Bliss '98, Erin Dougherty '98, Heather Gotha '98, Annie Morris '98, and Helen Struck '98, provided a great deal of structure and unity to this otherwise young squad that had ten new players.

The season's first game began on a high note when the Big Blue traveled to Kimball Union for a hard-fought 11-10 victory. Even at this early stage in the season Coach Henderson saw a tremendous smoothness in the team, despite the fact that most of its players were unused to playing with each other.

This game also marked the advent of Sarah Cote '00, who, in only her second year of playing, was able to shut down her All-American player on defense, and would come to be relied upon all season for marking out different teams' star players. Such a victory boded well for the Big Blue, and it looked forward to its next game, N.M.H.

Last year the Big Blue had suffered a humiliating defeat at the hands of N.M.H., and this year it swore revenge, which it achieved. When the two squads met, Andover led by a score of 9-2 at half-time and would go on to

win 16-11. This game was a great demonstration of the Blue's explosive, high-scoring attack, which averaged twelve goals a game. In this contest, as in many others, eight different players, including two line defensemen, tallied goals, which is quite an impressive feat.

The next game was the first hindrance in the Blue's season: a 10-10 tie against an inferior Harvard JV squad. This match, however, did establish the incredible talents of Christine Anneberg '00, who was a new addition to the Blue this year.

Though Harvard scored in the game's final thirty-five seconds to take a 10-9 lead, Anneberg calmly blasted a free shot past the Harvard goalie with only fourteen seconds remaining to salvage the game for the Blue. Her heroics were simply unforgettable, and all season she continued to demonstrate her sheer athleticism by excelling at nearly every position on the field.

Concord-Carlisle High School was the next team that Andover faced, and, judging by the 14-2 score, it was no match for the Big Blue. The following Saturday, however, a talented Taft team paid Andover a visit, and it was one the lacrosse team would have rathered forget. Despite a five-goal performance by Gotha and a terrific effort in goal by Chace Wessling '99, the Blue fell to Taft 10-12 in overtime. This was the season's first loss and proved that the Blue, which had at one time seemed invincible, did actually have some chinks in its armor after all.

If the Taft game brought about any good, it made the Blue want and value victory more than ever. In the following three weeks, which were unfortunately plagued by rain and cancellations, the squad defeated three formidable opponents (B.B.&N., Tabor, and Winsor) soundly by scores of 13-4, 15-10, and 11-6, respectively.

The team then traveled to the Eastern Independent League (formerly A.I.S.G.A.) Invitational Tournament, which Andover had won each of the past five years. In the day's first game it faced an undefeated Berwick squad, which it easily defeated 9-4. Heather Gotha was the star off this game for Andover, netting three goals. Andover then went on to play Tabor for the championship. Though the Blue

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Captain Whitney Grace '98, fending of an opposing defender, and the girls' lacrosse team had another impressive season this year

Photo / L. Hoopes

ok a commanding 5-0 lead in the game's opening minutes, Tabor managed to tie the score up on a slew of goals late in the second half, and with only two minutes left in the game took the lead for good. By the end Tabor simply played as though they wanted the championship more, and thus the Blue relinquished the

title of champion for the first time in five years.

The season was not over, however, and still two tough games remained on the Blue's schedule. The first was Hingham High School, whose squad was undefeated and ranked first in Massachusetts. Although Andover struggled in the first half to only a 4-3 lead because of such radically different styles of play by the two teams, in the second half it came alive.

This game, which ended with a 13-4 score, was highlighted by the exceptional seven-goal, two-assist performance of Gotha, who made an incredible case for her All-American candidacy, and by a near-shutout in the second half on the part of goalie Wessling.

The season drew to a close with a huge victory over Exeter. The Blue took the lead early and never looked back. The multiple-goal campaigns of seniors Gotha and Dougherty highlighted this contest, and in addition line defender Struck, in her final game, recorded her first point ever on an assist late in the second half.

The game ended with both happiness and sadness, for, although sweet victory had come, a number of brilliant careers had come to an end. All of the seniors, plus both coaches, had participated in their last varsity game, and no one wanted the season to be over. The team lin-

gered at the field for awhile after the last whistle, as if to somehow prolong this successful season.

While the 1998 brought an end to a number of terrific careers (Gotha became number three on the all-time scoring list, Dougherty number four in goals scored), it also provided a glimpse of what lies ahead for the Blue, which should be an incredible team to watch in the next two years. Kate Macmillan '00 (fifth all-time in goals) and Ashley Harmeling (third all-time in assists) were the team's second and third highest scorers, and both are only sophomores. Other big scorers, such as Tysie Sawyer '99, Megan Hayes '00, Anna Valeo '00 will also return next year, as will a solid core of defensive players, including Rachel Burnes '99, Emily Tompkins '99, Anneberg, Cote, Hillary Fitzpatrick '00, and Susannah Richardson '00. Finally, Wessling and Fahreen Sunderji '99 will continue their impressive showings in goal for one more year before graduating.

Next year's squad with Wessling as captain, will definitely be different in terms of character and coaching, and will have to work incredibly hard to win; however, as long as it can emulate the spirit and unity of this year's team, it will surely be a great success.

Athlete Of The Week



Annie Morris '98

"Annie's play is very consistent in terms of her ability to get things done. She can always make the good catch, the good pass, or the good goal when it counts."

-Rachel Burnes '99

by Kate Macmillan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

Among the athletes of Phillips Academy, it is considered a great honor to be named and athlete of the week by *The Phillipian*. It is even more honorable, and equally rare, to be named athlete of the week twice in one year, especially when one has only been on the PA campus for just one year. Annie Morris, however, is one of those rare, lucky people to become so highly distinguished, for her play in the past year on both the Field Hockey and Lacrosse fields has been of the highest superiority.

At this late point in the season, the girls' varsity lacrosse team has attained a reputable 5-1-1 record, and has continued to roll as it looks forward to competing in next week's A.I.S.G.A. championship, in which it is the defending champion. Although Annie is a postgraduate, and has thus never played Andover lacrosse before, she has made an immediate impact on a squad that was already quite outstanding. The fact that Annie, playing the tough position of defense wing (left vacant by two seniors last year), has become so integral a part of the squad in such a short time speaks volumes about both her high skill level and her ability to play well on teams. She can be found all over the field, whether it be chasing down an opponent or running the ball in to score, and such prowess is not easily acquired; it takes both heart and the years of experience which a superb player like Annie has under her belt.

Annie hails from Middlebury, Vermont, where she began her illustrious lacrosse career in the sixth grade. Amazingly, she was playing defense wing even at that young age. She continued to play on her junior high school team and eventually made her way to Middlebury High School, where she began playing varsity in her sophomore year. Middlebury, along with Woodstock, is one of the top two girls' high school teams in Vermont, and playing on such an esteemed squad by sophomore year surely demonstrates Annie's extreme talent. Last year, although Middlebury lost to Woodstock in the state championship on a

last-second goal, Annie still managed to garner the top awards for Vermont lacrosse players. Not only was she captain of her team, but she was also named First Team All-State, Vermont-New Hampshire All-Star, and player of the year for her team. In addition Annie was invited to attend the prestigious Dartmouth Elite Lacrosse camp, which was held last summer for top senior lacrosse players.

At the beginning of her senior year at Middlebury High School, Annie felt unsure about the colleges which she was looking at. She was also questioning whether or not she wanted to play both field hockey and lacrosse in college, and was yet to come up with an answer. In addition, she felt that she wanted to attend a big college, yet Middlebury High School didn't provide enough exposure or opportunities for her to make such a jump. For all of these reasons, Annie decided early on that she would do a postgraduate year. While she considered Choate, Deerfield, and Exeter in addition to Andover, she says that the atmosphere here was great, and in particular she loved how welcome Martha Fenton and Lisa Pimentel made her feel when she came to visit. And so Annie chose Andover. Although at times Annie has felt a bit restricted by the life that differs so much from that of her friends at college, in retrospect she is quite happy about her decision to come here, for not only has she been able to take advantage of the almost limitless academic opportunities here, but she has also been able to focus more on her field hockey and lacrosse playing. Getting the extra year of playing time has helped Annie so much, in fact, that although she came entered hoping to play mid-Division I or maybe Division III field hockey and lacrosse, she is now signed on to play lacrosse at the top women's lacrosse school in the country, the University of Maryland. Although she says she never expected that she'd be able to play at such a top-level program, her visit there changed everything. In Annie's words, "everything about the program completely blew me away." She not only loved the excellent coaching staff and obvious quality of the program, but also the girls on the team, who she felt would

make great friends on and off the lacrosse field, as opposed to some players at other top schools.

Although lacrosse is obviously, and will continue to be, a big part of Annie's life, she is quite accomplished in other areas as well. For instance, she is an extremely talented artist, and will be attending Maryland (where she plans to major in the art field) not only on a lacrosse scholarship, but on an art scholarship as well. Besides all of her immense talents in all different areas, however, Annie is also an incredibly nice person who is well-liked by both her coaches and teammates. Says her roommate and field hockey teammate Rachael Berry '98, "Annie is one of the friendliest, most genuine people that I know, and I'll miss her a lot next year. She is just so much fun, and has been a great person to share a room with." Surely anyone who Annie has come into contact with here would be quick to nod in agreement with such kind words.

A great future looms ahead for Annie Morris. As of right now, lacrosse will play a great part in her life in the next few years. When her competitive athletic career comes to an end, however, she is lucky enough to have a tremendous amount of other talents, along with a wonderful personality, that will bring her success no matter what she does.

SPORT: SOFTBALL

YEAR: 1997-98

CAPTAIN: RACHEL BAIN & ELIZABETH SILIATO
HOME ADDRESS:

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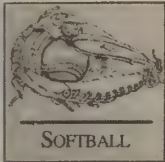
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Hubbard, Erica A.
Judge, Jessica L.
Montanez, Marlana K.
Otway, Katherine E.
Roberge, Kelly A.
Shannon, Sarah E.
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Fri., Apr. 10	Noble High	H	5	0	
Wed., Apr. 15	K.U.A.	H	8	2	
Sat., Apr. 17	Bancroft	A	15	6	
	N.M.H.		15	0	
Wed., Apr. 22	Pres. of Mary	H	23	7	scrimm.
Sat., Apr. 25	Cushing	H	2	1	
	Tabor		11	1	
Wed., Apr. 29	Exeter	A	14	1	
Sat., May 2	New Hampton	H	2	0	
Sat., May 9	Stoneleigh	H	3	0	
	Deerfield		9	4	
Wed., May 13	Lady of Nazareth	H	2	1	
Sat., May 16	Tournament-greenfield	A	1	2	
Wed., May 20	No. Reading High	H			
Fri., May 22	St. Paul's	H	9	1	
Sat., May 23	Exeter	H	19	4	

Solid Exhibition Play Indicates That Girls' Softball Team is Ready to Take on Deerfield and Exeter

by Lisa Shaughnessy
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



Forty girls took to Isham field last Wednesday to begin what looks to be a promising season for the varsity soft-

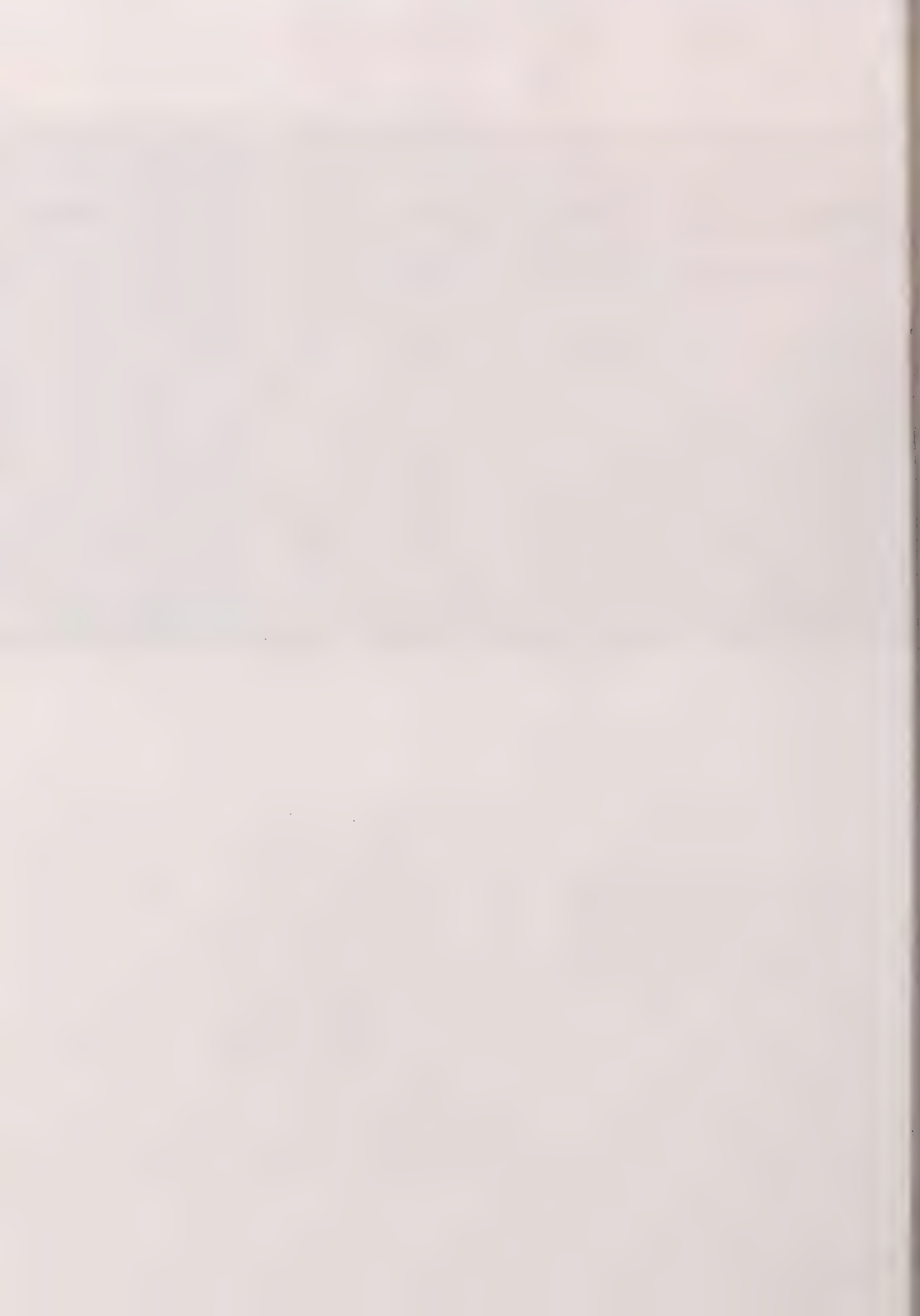
ball team. A week and a half later, less than half remain, as coaches Peter Drench and Margaret Harrigan worked to field a competitive team. The team has looked good so far in exhibition and looks forward to beginning regular season play.

The team, led by captains Rachel Bain '98 and Liz Siliato '98, consists

of several strong returning players as well as many talented newcomers. Even though the regular season does not begin until today, the team has already scrimmaged five schools. Saturday's four scrimmages gave the team a chance to show its talent and stamina. Coaches Drench and Harrigan came out of the day enthusiastic for the fast approaching season. The team traveled to Lowell on Wednesday to play yet another exhibition game and ended up playing ten innings. Erica Hubbard '01 started the game on the mound for Andover and had a strong outing allowing no runs in the first five innings. Sarah Shannon '98, Andrea Campbell '99 and Lisa Shaughnessy '98 also pitched in the game to get

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some pre-season practice in before Friday. Bain caught a good game and prevented the other team from stealing with her strong throwing arm. There were many other strong performances by Andover despite the fact that many of its players were trying out in positions they were not accustomed to playing. Although it is early in the season, the team fielded cleanly, committing only a few errors, and connected for some good hits against the strong Lowell High team that had two experienced pitchers.

This weeks games have given the team a good basis to work from for the coming weeks. With a full schedule ahead, including Deerfield and rival Exeter.



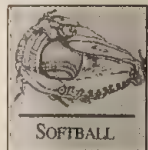
Hubbard '01 Pitches No-Hitter

Junior Phenom Leads Softball in Two Big Victories

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Andover 5
Noble HS 0

Andover 8
KUA 2



The girls' varsity softball team had an exceptional week with a 5-0 win over Noble High School on Saturday and a 8-2 win over Kimball Union Academy last Wednesday. Freshman sensation Erica Hubbard pitched a no-hit shut out Friday and continued this flawless pattern for the first six innings of Wednesday's game. With her sparkling performance this week, Hubbard gives the Andover faithful much to look forward to in years to come.

Noble HS

In the first outing of what looks to be a promising career, Hubbard struck out twelve batters and walked none. Senior captain Rachel Bain called a great game and helped the younger Hubbard along in her debut. In the third inning, Hubbard helped her own cause by smashing the first home run of the season to open the scoring. This homerun spurred offensive hitting from the rest of the team, led by the clever base-running of Rebecca God-sill '99 and Rebecca Breen '00, and a perfect sacrifice bunt from co-captain Liz Siliato '98.

Lower sensations Katherine Otway and Lauren Tsai, along with Andrea Campbell '99 contributed one run each to make the score 5-0. Hubbard's homer was the only ball Andover hit out of the outfield, but it took advantage of some poor fielding from Berwick and played some smart baseball to take the commanding 5-0 victory.

If not for her own throwing error Hubbard would have pitched a perfect game, but with 66 of her 85 pitches going for strikes she completely dominated Berwick.

Kimball Union Academy

For the second straight game Hub-

Andover

Player	AB	R	H	RBI
Otway, ss	4	1	1	1
Roberge, rf	4	1	1	0
Siliato, 2b	3	2	2	2
Breen, 2b	1	0	0	0
Hubbard, p	4	1	2	1
Shannon, p	0	0	0	0
Bain, c	3	1	2	1
Judge, c	0	0	0	0
Tsai, cf	2	1	1	0
Shaughnessy, 1b	2	0	0	1
Montanez, pr	0	0	0	0
Decker, 1b	1	0	0	0
Campbell, 3b	3	0	0	0
Godsill, 3b	0	0	0	0
Wang, lf	2	1	2	0
TOTALS	29	8	11	6

Noble HS

Player	AB	R	H	RBI
Butterfield, cf	3	0	0	0
Dyer, rf	3	0	0	0
Forbes, ss	3	0	0	0
Jenis, p	3	0	0	0
Rainier, c	2	0	0	0
Fortier, 2b	2	0	0	0
Buccieri, 2b	0	0	0	0
Tibbetts, 3b	2	0	0	0
Salois, lf	1	0	0	0
Allan, 1b	2	0	0	0
TOTALS	22	0	0	0

bard was masterful, striking out ten and walking only one under the guidance of catcher Bain before giving way to relief pitcher Sarah Shannon '98 who closed the door on KUA. Hubbard continuously got ahead of the KUA batters and kept them off balance



The girls' softball team has gotten off to a strong start, holding back its opponents with excellent pitching and defense. Though still early in the season, the girls have made it clear that they will enjoy much success and compete for a championship.

Photo / R. Magnus

throughout the game with great velocity. After two scoreless innings, the Big Blue broke through with an infield hit by Eileen Wang '99, followed by a hit from Otway and a bunt from Kelly Roberge '98. With the bases loaded, Siliato stepped up to the plate and smashed a double to left-center, scor-

ing two runs. The Blue scored the fourth run on an infield hit and Andover made the score 5-0 when Tsai reached on an error, knocking in Siliato.

During the sixth inning, Andover pushed three more runs across the plate. Siliato again led the hit parade when she doubled and advanced to

third on a wild-pitch, before scoring on a single by Bain. Tsai and Lisa Shaughnessy '98 walked, and Bain later scored. Tsai ran home with a passed ball to score, capping the Big Blue's offensive outburst. After walking two batters and giving up two unearned runs, relief pitcher Shannon

settled down and retired three straight KUA batters, including the last one on a strikeout to end the game.

On Saturday, the Big Blue travels to Worcester to face Northfield-Mount Hermon and hosts the Bancroft School later in that same afternoon.

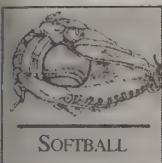
Bats Come to Life For Softball

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by Bridget Cook

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SOFTBALL

Behind great pitching and timely hitting, the Andover girls' softball team came out victorious in its last two games. In Wednesday's game, freshman sensation Erica Hubbard proved that she is as good a fielder as a pitcher, while again displaying excellent hitting with two triples. The team's early success builds hope for the future as the team moves towards its goal of winning the New England Championships.

Bancroft

Andrea Cambell '99 began pitching the game with a 3-0 lead created by Andover in the top of the first. This inning, however, proved tedious for Cambell as five walks and three fielding errors allowed Bancroft to tally six runs without a hit. In the second inning, Cambell was relieved by Sarah Shannon '98 who successfully held off Bancroft. The Big Blue man-

aged to score six runs in the second, five more in the fourth, and a final run in the sixth inning. Andover showed its offensive capabilities as seniors Kelly Roberge, Rachel Bain, and Liz Siliato led the team with three hits a piece. The excellent hitting of Lauren Tsai '00, Cambell, and Shannon, who had not stepped up to the plate in her last two years of playing softball, also helped the Big Blue offense. Shannon's steady relief pitching gave Andover control of the game and its potent offense siezed the victory.

Presentation of Mary Academy

The sun shined on the varsity softball team on Wednesday as it so masterfully defeated the Presentation of Mary Academy. Sarah Shannon '98 started off the game pitching. The top of the first inning flew by, Shannon struck out two batters and, talented catcher, Rachel Bain '98 made a fantastic catch. The bottom of the first however was a different story. Andover scored ten runs in the first, capitalizing on walks with key hits.

The Andover defense proved in the second inning that it could keep its opponents from scoring, or even getting on base. Shannon struck out the first batter and first basemen Lisa Shaugnessy '98 made the second out, smothering a hot ground ball down the line and touching first. Kelly

Roberge '98 caught a pop-fly in right field to bring the top of the second to an end. Andover's batting was once again successful in this inning with a mammoth triple slugged by junior Erica Hubbard '00 which drove in three runs. Hubbard came into before the inning was over.

The third inning included some adjustments as the team protected its twelve run lead. A great play made by Katherine Otway '00, forcing a runner at second base and two caught popflies made by Hubbard and Katie Breen '00 held PMA to only two runs. This inning showed to be a big one for Andover's batting as it brought in eight runs.

In the final inning, the team made some changes, as pitcher Shannon was relieved to left field and Cambell was brought in to finish off the game. Andover managed to keep its opponents from scoring any more runs with an out at first made by upper Joisan Decker and a strike-out made by relief pitcher Cambell. The final out of the game was made by the quick thinking of Cambell who threw to Hubbard at second.

Because of the seventeen run lead kept by Andover in the top of the inning, the game was ended and Big Blue walked off the field proudly and ready to go to dinner after the long two hour, four and a half inning game.



The softball team's hitting accounted for 28 runs in two games.

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Athlete Of The Week



Erica Hubbard '01

"Erica is obviously a very talented junior, and she could have a very bright future for us." —Manager Peter Drench

by Kate MacMillan
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Erica Hubbard is by far the most modest person I have interviewed to date. Despite her recent accomplishments on the softball diamond, which can be deemed no less than absolutely amazing, she simply refuses to talk about her own immense talent. Luckily, the rest of the school is talking about the freshman phenom pitcher who has yet to give up a run; who has stuck out thirty-five; who has walked only two and been hit (actually bunted) off only once; and who has helped lead the Big Blue softball team to a 5-0 record thus far in the season. Even if she won't say much, at least I have some facts to back up my words of praise.

According to varsity softball coach Peter Drench, Erica has an "extremely smooth motion, and has been taught the basic mechanics [of pitching] very well." In the past couple of weeks, this all became evident to the rest of the community when Erica, in the three games in which she pitched, simply manhandled her opponents. Two of her three games were no-hitters and, as aforementioned, she only gave up one hit (a bunt single) in her third outing, which the Blue still won by a handy margin. What's more, Erica's pitching isn't her only talent; her batting's not half-bad either, as evidenced by her .625 batting average and 10 RBI's. In fact, Erica hit the Blue's first home run of the season, a long ball that went all the way over the back wall in Andover's opening game against Noble High School.

Yes, it would definitely seem that Erica Hubbard has an innate softball ability. Although she is obviously a naturally talented athlete (she made both the JVI soccer and hockey teams despite never having played before), Erica has been playing softball and perfecting her skills for quite a long time. Her illustrious career began at the

age of seven, when she joined a t-ball league in her then hometown of Hampstead, New Hampshire. Hubbard also learned many fundamentals from her grandfather (whom she affectionately refers to as Papa), a former baseball player himself. Erica credits him for instilling such a love for the game in her, and to this day he continues to be one of her most ardent supporters.

The year following her initiation into the game, Erica began playing little league baseball, which she continued until the fourth grade. By the fifth grade she was living in Bradford, a small Massachusetts town about thirty minutes from Andover. At this point she joined a recreational softball league. When the league officials saw the way she hit, as well as her all-around talent on the field, they insisted that she move up to a division for older players. Even while in the fifth grade Erica Hubbard was being singled out for her incredible softball skills. Somewhere between the sixth and seventh grades Erica began to dabble with pitching. At the same time she was playing on some traveling teams in addition to the old rec league, and was able to use her increased experience to greatly work on her game. That work must have paid off, for somewhere between sixth grade and now Erica became one rocket of a pitcher. While she refuses to give any specific names or dates, she does admit that she has been named Most Valuable Player at a few tournaments which her traveling teams have participated in; however she modestly downplays such accolades and prefers to credit her teammates.

Last year Erica's parents felt that she should attend a private school where she could have greater opportunities both athletically and academically. She applied to, and was accepted at, both Lawrence Academy and Phillips Academy. After much debate, it was decided that Hubbard would matriculate at Andover. Although Erica was a day student her first term, she disliked

the long commute from Bradford and moved into Nathan Hale, a freshman girls' dorm, this past winter. She can't say enough about how much she loves boarding and her house counselor, Mrs. Pryde, who has become one of the top sideline fans at her softball games. Erica seems to have made a very smooth transition into the community, and her newfound fame from the pitcher's mound has only made her more popular on campus.

As for the future, it is safe to say that it is certainly bright for Erica. Since she is only a junior, Hubbard has no idea about where she might like to go college. She does know without a doubt, though, that she will be playing softball wherever she goes. More immediately; however, she has an Andover squad to carry, and carry it she most likely will for the rest of this season and for the next three years. Erica's pitching, in combination with that of Andrea Campbell '99 and Sarah Shannon '98 and the extraordinary catching of captain Rachel Bain '98, should take the team far this season. According to Erica, winning a New England championship is definitely a goal for this strong team, and it is a goal which is looking awfully attainable to those familiar with the program.

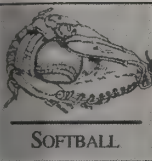
After learning all of this, one could hardly disagree with Coach Drench when he calls Erica "a very talented junior." Nor could they dispute that she "could have a very bright future" in Andover softball. But Drench also noted that the team has a greater amount of pitching depth this season than it did the last. But regardless of the circumstances behind Andover softball's recent successes, Erica Hubbard remains a key component of it. Although she will likely continue to be bashful about her incredible accomplishments, I have no doubts that she will add many more great plays to her resume before her four years at Andover end.

Softball Controls Opponents to Remain Undeclared

5/1

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Andover	2
Cushing	1
Andover	11
Tabor	1
Andover	14
Exeter	1



Despite the rain last Saturday, Andover hosted Cushing, Our Lady of Nazareth, and Tabor Academy at Isham field. Its

strong hitting and timely fielding proved once again to be enough as the girls' varsity softball team came out on top. Last Wednesday, Andover visited the swamplands of coastal New Hampshire to battle its rival, Exeter. A pinch-hit home run by Joisan Decker '99 in the top of the seventh proved to be the highlight of the game, and capped Andover's convincing victory.

Cushing

This low-scoring affair was only the beginning of Andover's successful day, Saturday. The game started off on a negative note, though, in the first inning as Cushing took a 1-0 lead on an unearned run. This lead stood until the home-half of the sixth inning when back-to-back doubles from Erica Hubbard '01 and Rachel Bain '98 tied the game, 1-1. Neither team was able to push across another run in last inning as the game went to extra frames.

Great defense and clutch hitting sparked Andover to victory in the

eighth. The top of the eighth started with Cushing's last batter out in the seventh inning on second base and the first batter up against Hubbard was intentionally walked. After the free pass was issued, catcher Bain alertly threw down to second to a covering Liz Siliato '98 who slapped the tag down on the unaware CA baserunner for the first out of the inning and thus quelling the rally. Striking out two more batters,

Hubbard enabled Andover to go up to the plate with the score still tied. Kelly Roberge '98, the last out of Andover's seventh, started off the eighth inning on second base and Siliato sacrificed her to third, bringing up the hard-hitting Hubbard. Hubbard, an incredible high ball hitter who rarely strikes out, was expected to be intentionally walked, but instead Cushing tried to take its chances with the freshman.

This decision, however, proved to be ill-advised as Hubbard hit a blast over the drawn in right-fielder, sending Roberge home for the game-winning run. Hubbard continues to thrill the Andover faithful with her flare for the dramatics both on the mound and at the plate.

Tabor

Despite its draining win in the first game of the day, Andover easily handled Tabor, 14-1, in its afternoon affair. Sarah Shannon '98 pitched very impressively, yielding only one Tabor run which came only as a result of a series of Andover errors. A running catch made by Hubbard, and great glove work by Liz Siliato '98, Rebecca Godsill '99, Katherine Otway '00,

and Andrea Cambell '99 aided Shannon in her effort.

At the plate, Lauren Tsai '00, Hubbard, and Godsill all sparked the offense, knocking in two runs a piece. This game, although lacking the excitement of the Blue's first contest, showed Andover's ability to dominate weaker opponents.

Exeter

Last Wednesday, the girls battled Exeter, and with the sun shining down their backs, they were determined to show their superiority over their northern rival. Such determination led to a great effort from Andover, as it assured a victory in the top of the seventh with ten runs, four of which coming on a pinch-hit grand slam from Joisan Decker '99.

In the first inning, Bain hit a two-run double, giving Andover an early 2-0 advantage. The Blue tallied single runs in the fifth and sixth, making the score 4-1 as the teams headed into the final inning of play. In the last, and definitely most exciting inning of the game, Andover pushed ten runs across the plate extending the lead to 14-1.

Pinch-hitter Joisan Decker was put in the game with the bases loaded and provided a clutch hit, smashing a home-run over the right fielders head. Decker later hit a sacrifice fly for her fifth RBI of the inning.

The 14-1 final score was not a fair representation of how close the game really was, but, nonetheless, a solid victory over an arch-rival, capping off a 3-0 week, is a huge lift for this team as it continues to march through its regular season schedule.

ANDOVER 2, CUSHING 1

ANDOVER	AB	R	H	RBI
Tsai, cf	2	0	0	0
Roberge, rf	2	1	0	0
Siliato, 2b	2	0	0	0
Hubbard, p	3	1	2	1
Bain, c	4	0	1	1
Otway, 3b	3	0	2	0
Wang, lf	3	0	1	0
Campbell, ss	3	0	0	0
Breen, pr	0	0	0	0
Shaughnessy, 1b	2	0	0	0
Godsill, ph	0	0	0	0
Wang, lf	2	0	0	0
Totals	24	2	6	2

CUSHING	AB	R	H	RBI
Butt, cf	3	0	0	0
Marks, lf	4	1	1	0
Huggon, c	44	0	0	0
Thomas, ss	3	0	1	1
Buell, 3b	4	0	1	0
Vallone, p	4	0	1	0
Carr, 2b	3	0	0	0
Frasier, 1b	3	0	0	0
Mazza, ph	0	0	0	0
Hill, rf	3	0	0	0
Totals	31	1	4	1

Andover	000	001	01	2	6	5
Cushing	100	000	00	1	4	0

2B-(PA) 2(Bain, Hubbard); HBP-(CA) by Hubbard (Butt); SAC-(PA) 3(Godsill, Roberge, Siliato); PB-(CA) 1, (PA) 1.

Andover	IP	R	ER	H	K	BB	WP
Hubbard w 4-0	8.0	1	0	4	11	3*	1
Cushing	IP	R	ER	H	K	BB	WP
Vallone	7.1	2	2	0	2	4	1

Extra Innings: 8 Innings
*Includes one intentional walk

ANDOVER 11, TABOR 1

ANDOVER	AB	R	H	RBI
Tsai, cf	4	1	1	2
Roberge, rf	3	1	1	0
Montañez, rf	2	0	0	0
Siliato, 2b	3	1	1	1
Breen, 2b	1	1	1	0
Hubbard, lf	3	2	2	2
Bain, c	2	1	1	0
Judge, c	1	0	0	0
Otway, ss	3	1	1	1
Campbell, 1b	4	1	1	0
Godsill, 3b	4	1	2	2
Wang, dp	1	0	1	1
Decker, dp	3	1	0	0
Totals	34	11	12	8

TABOR	AB	R	H	RBI
Nahovick, c	3	1	0	0
Komas, p	4	0	0	0
Umbro, ss	4	0	1	0
Cook, cf	4	0	1	0
Marce, 3b	4	0	1	0
Nichols, 2b	3	0	2	0
Harrison, 1b	3	0	1	0
Brooks, pr	0	0	0	0
Smith, rf	2	0	0	0
Langille, rf	1	0	0	0
Frowis, lf	3	0	0	0
Totals	31	1	6	0

Andover	501	005	x	11	12	4
Tabor	000	000	1	1	6	3

SB-(TA) 1/1 (Nahovick); 2B-(PA) 1(Campbell); PB-(TA) 1(Nahovick)

Andover	IP	R	ER	H	K	BB	WP
Shannon w 4-0	7.0	11	0	6	5	1	1
Tabor	IP	R	ER	H	K	BB	WP
Komas	6.0	1	8	12	2	4	1

ANDOVER 14, EXETER 1

ANDOVER	AB	R	H	RBI
Tsai, cf	4	2	0	0
Roberge, rf	0	2	0	1
Siliato, 2b	4	1	1	0
Hubbard, p	2	1	1	1
Breen, pr	0	0	0	0
Bain, c	2	1	1	3
Montañez, pr	0	1	0	0
Otway, ss	3	2	3	2
Godsill, 3b	2	0	0	0
Shaughnessy, ph/1b	1	1	0	0
Campbell, 1b	4	1	1	1
Judge, ph/3b	0	0	0	0
Wang, lf	3	0	1	0
Decker, lf	1	1	1	5
Totals	26	14	9	13

EXETER	AB	R	H	RBI
Boucher, ss	3	1	0	0
Frey, 2b	2	0	0	0
Stefanilo, c	2	0	1	1
Bagdonas, 3b	3	0	0	0
Hyatt, 1b	3	0	1	0
Closmore, cf	2	0	0	0
Laszlo, dp	3	0	1	0
Duchas, lf	2	0	0	0
Rudgers, rf	1	0	0	0
Perkins, rf	0	0	0	0
Laszlo, ph	1	0	0	0
Juarez, p(dfo)	0	0	0	0
Totals	22	1	3	1

Andover	200	011	10	14	9	1
Exeter	001	000	0	1	3	4

2B-(PA) 1(Hubbard); HR-(PA) Decker 1; HBP-(PA) 1 by Juarez(Bain, Hubbard, Otway); SAC-(PA) 4(Roberge, 3, Godsill 1); SF-(PA) 2(Bain, Decker); PB-(PA) Bain 1, (PEA) Stefanilo 1.

Andover	IP	R	ER	H	K	BB	WP
Hubbard w 5-0	7.0	1	1	3	13	3	0
Exeter	IP	R	ER	H	K	BB	WP
Juarez	7.0	14	13	9	4	11	1

Softball Stays on a Roll, Downing New Hampton

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Andover 2
New Hampton 0



SOFTBALL

Erika Hubbard '01 once again led Andover to victory, firing a one-hitter en route to improving her record to 6-0.

The offense was supplied by the three and four hitters, Liz Siliato '98, and Hubbard, who each knocked in a run. Hubbard's pitching, though, was the story of the game as she carried a no-hitter into the seventh inning before surrendering an infield hit.

Andover struck in the first inning when the second hitter Kelly Roberge '98 walked, stole second, took third on a wild pitch, and then scored on a bloop single by Siliato. Superb defensive plays from the New Hampton's shortstop and centerfielder prevented further Andover damage in the inning.

The Blue struck again in the third when Siliato, after reaching on a fielders choice, eventually landed on third courtesy of two wild pitches. Hubbard then singled sharply to center for an insurance run.

The two runs would be more than enough for Hubbard who, in the words of manager Peter Drench, "pitched her best game of the season to date." Captain Rachel Bain, who went 2-3 at the plate, again called a great game, mixing changes with fastballs, allowing Hubbard to keep ahead of the New Hampton hitters. Hubbard carried the no hitter into the final inning, but it was broken up by an infield hit. She regrouped, though, to retire the next three batters, including two on strikeouts.

Andover hosts both Deerfield and Stoneleigh-Burnham School tomorrow, as the team begins its stretch run with the ultimate goal of winning a New England Championship.

ANDOVER 2, NH 0

ANDOVER	AB	R	H	RBI
Tsai, rf	4	0	0	0
Roberge, cf	1	1	0	0
Siliato, 2b	3	1	1	1
Hubbard, p	3	0	1	1
Bain, c	3	0	2	0
Otway, ss	3	0	0	0
Campbell, 1b	1	0	0	0
Shaughnessy, 1b	2	0	0	0
Montañez, por	0	0	0	0
Decker, dp	2	0	1	0
Breen, pr	0	0	0	0
Wang, lf	3	0	0	0
Godsill(dfo), 3b	0	0	0	0
Totals	25	2	5	2

NH	AB	R	H	RBI
Prudhomme, cf	3	0	0	0
Collins, c	3	0	0	0
Burrows, 2b	2	0	0	0
Brown, 1b	3	0	1	0
Cronin, ss	3	0	0	0
Glassett, p	2	0	0	0
Hays, 3b	2	0	0	0
Patch, rf	2	0	0	0
Snow, lf	2	0	0	0
Totals	22	0	1	0

NH	000	000	0	0	1	2
Andover	101	000	x	2	5	1

HBP-(NH) by Hubbard, 1(Burrows).

Andover	IP	R	ER	H	K	BB	WP
Hubbard (w, 6-0)	7.0	0	0	1	15	1	0
NH							
Glassett(l.)	6.0	2	2	5	4	3	5

SOFTBALL LEADERS

BATTING

PLATE APP.

Tsai 41

AT-BATS

Bain 29

RUNS

Roberge 15

HITS

Hubbard 16

DOUBLES

Bain 4

Hubbard 4

TRIPLES

Hubbard 1

Wang 1

HOME RUNS

Hubbard 1

Decker 1

RBI

Hubbard 15

BASE ON BALLS

Roberge 11

Tsai 11

TOTAL BASES

Hubbard 25

STEALS/ATT.

Tsai 4/5

BATTING AVE.

Hubbard .571

ON-BASE AVE.

Hubbard .625

SLUGGING PER.

Hubbard .893



Softball Beats Deerfield, Nazareth

by Bridget Cook
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Andover	9
Deerfield	4
Andover	2
Nazareth	1

Andover was again forced to play in the rain, which increased as the day progressed, and again the Blue came out victorious.

er's opponent, Deerfield, played a solid game, and gave the Big Blue a legitimate reason to fear them in the upcoming NMH tournament. On Tuesday the Blue, behind the leadership of Erika Hubbard '01, barely out Our Lady of Nazareth 2-1.

Deerfield

In the second inning, Deerfield took an early lead when its first baseman hit a home-run over the fence in right-field. Pitcher Sara Shannon, who yielded the roundtripper, was aided by this, though, as she retired the next three batters. Erica Hubbard, one of the team's more prominent players, sparked the Andover offense as she reached base on an "excuse" single which landed right in front of the plate. One out later, Hubbard, in third, scored on Eileen Wang's field hit. With two outs in the third, Rebecca Godsill '98 singled, giving Wang from second, and giving Andover a 2-1 lead. The Andover lead extended to two runs when, after a single by Tsai '00 infield hit, a Deerfield pitching error enabled Godsill to score. Kelly Roberge '98 doubled to the right-field line, scoring Tsai, capping the Blue's offensive out-

Andover continued to play strong throughout the game, scoring two runs in the next inning and adding three more in the fifth. A fly hit single by Katherine Otway drove in Hubbard and Tsai in the

fourth to give Andover a convincing 6-1 lead, which would be more than enough for the Blue pitching staff. Andover scored its final three runs of the game largely because of the efforts of senior captains Liz Siliato and Rachel Bain.

Hubbard relieved Shannon in the fourth inning, who had pitched well, but often found herself in too many jams and thus her pitch count was already very high by the time the fourth inning rolled around. Although Deerfield tried to chip away at the Blue's lead, tagging the previously unhittable Hubbard for two runs in the fifth and one in the sixth, it was not able to come back in time and the game was called in the bottom of the sixth inning because of the rain.

Nazareth

This Wednesday's game was extremely competitive as Hubbard

regained her early season form, firing a one-hitter and leading Andover to victory over a scrappy Our Lady of Nazareth team. The game also featured a sibling rivalry as Andover captain Rachel Bain faced off against her sister, Deborah, a satirer for the Nazareth team. The rivalry between these two star players has been labeled the "Bain Bowl," by manager Peter Drench. Bragging rights once again went to Rachel as Andover defeated the formidable Nazareth squad for the second straight year.

Nazareth found out what the rest of the Andover's opponents have already found out- when Hubbard has her stuff, she is virtually unhittable. The freshman yielded only one hit, and that was an infield hit in the seventh inning.

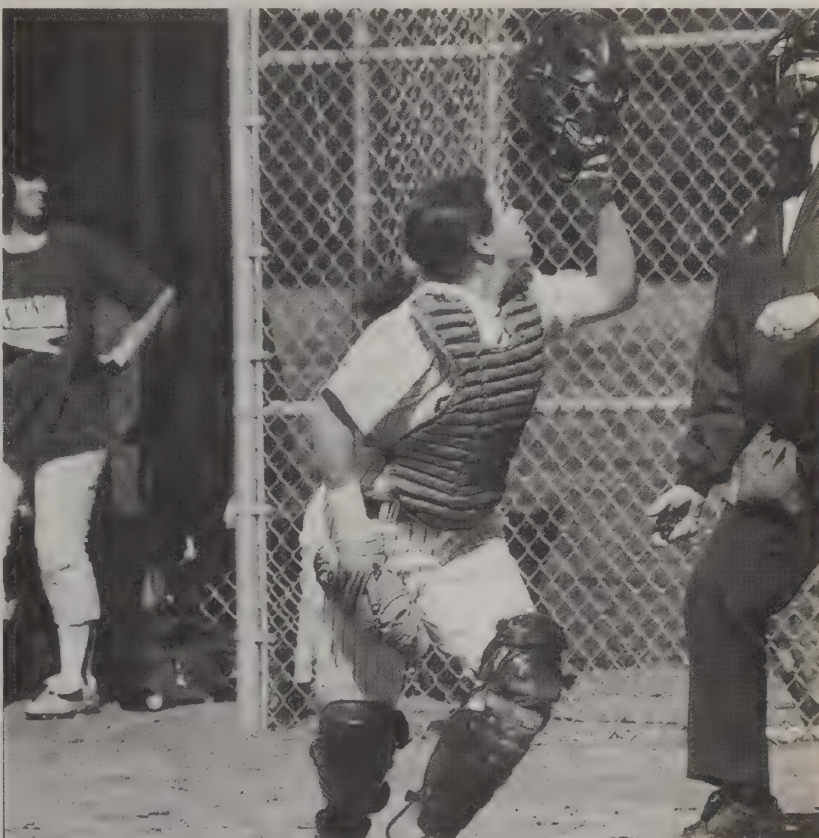
Nazareth struck first, though, with an unearned run in the first inning. After battling the lead-off to a full count Hubbard walked her and she the

Nazareth baserunner advanced to third on two fielder's choices. Hubbard then threw a wild pitch, allowing Nazareth to take the lead, without having hit the ball out of the infield. Hubbard then settled down, retiring the next eleven batters.

The lead stood until the fourth inning when Andover came back and scored their only two runs of the game. Andover took advantage of some wildness from the Nazareth pitcher. Bain was walked to start the inning and moved to second after a single by Katherine Otway '00, and they each moved into scoring position on a wild pitch. The Nazareth pitcher hit Katie Breen '00, loading the bases. Following a strikeout, Rebecca Godsill '98 hit a suicide bunt that was so successful that not only did the run score to tie the game, but everyone was safe. A RBI single by Tsai sent Otway home with the last run of the game. Andover relied on its solid pitching and defense to keep Nazareth from scoring again.

In the following innings, Hubbard held the opponents steady striking out nine, while walking only two batters and allowing only one hit. Hubbard picked up her eighth win of the season, and still has yet to lose a decision.

This weekend Andover will be competing in the NMH tournament, a crucial test for the Big Blue.



Rachel Bain '98 handled her responsibility behind the plate brilliantly

Photo / D. Hendelman

SOFTBALL AVERAGES

BATTING

NAME	G	TAB	AB	R	H	RBI	Avg.	2B	3B	HR	BB	SB	SLG	OBP
Bain	12	43	37	12	17	10	.459	4	0	0	4	1	.488	.512
Breen	12	9	6	4	1	1	.167	0	0	0	1	0	.167	.250
Campbell	12	31	27	7	7	6	.259	2	0	0	3	0	.333	.323
Decker	9	20	16	5	3	6	.188	0	0	1	3	1	.375	.300
Godsill	12	21	15	6	6	5	.400	0	0	0	2	0	.400	.381
Hubbard	11	41	35	12	18	16	.514	4	1	1	4	0	.659	.561
Judge	8	10	7	1	1	1	.143	0	0	0	3	0	.143	.400
Montanez	10	9	8	1	0	0	.000	0	0	0	1	1	.000	.111
Otway	10	31	27	7	11	7	.407	0	0	0	2	1	.407	.484
Roberge	12	45	28	15	8	6	.286	0	0	0	11	2	.286	.422
Shannon	7	2	2	2	2	1	1.00	0	0	0	0	0	1000	1000
Siliato	12	43	34	13	14	11	.412	3	0	0	6	1	.395	.488
Tsai	12	52	38	16	12	7	.316	2	0	0	12	5	.368	.481
Wang	12	36	29	5	8	3	.276	0	1	0	7	2	.345	.444
TOTALS	12	413	325	106	109	81	.335	15	2	2	62	14	.428	.433

PITCHING

NAME	App.	W	L	ERA	IP	H	CG	ER	BB	HP	SO	Sv.
Campbell	2	0	0	3.50	2.0	0	0	1	7	0	2	0
Hubbard	9	8	0	0.37	56.67	14	7	3	13	2	99	0
Shannon	5	4	0	1.25	22.33	15	1	4	11	2	16	0
TOTALS	16	12	0	0.69	81.0	29	8	8	31	4	117	0

ANDOVER 2, NAZARETH 1

ANDOVER	AB	R	H	RBI
Tsai, rf	3	0	2	1
Roberge, cf	3	0	0	0
Siliato, 2b	1	0	0	0
Hubbard, p	3	0	0	0
R. Bain, c	2	1	0	0
Otway, ss	3	1	1	0
Breen, lf	0	0	0	0
Wang, lf	1	0	0	0
Shaughnessy, dp	3	0	1	0
Montanez, pr	0	0	0	0
Godsill, 3b	2	0	0	1
Campbell, 1b	0	0	0	0
Totals	21	2	4	2

NH	AB	R	H	RBI
A. Tortolano, ss	2	1	0	0
Keefe, cf	3	0	0	0
L. Tortolano, 1b	3	0	1	0
D. Bain, c	3	0	0	0
Cullen, 3b	3	0	0	0
Mochrie, 2b	2	0	0	0
Belmonte, dp	3	0	0	0
Barry, p	2	0	0	0
Orlando, rf	2	0	0	0
Greski(dfo), lf	0	0	0	0
Totals	23	1	1	0

Nazareth	100	000	0	1	1	1
Andover	000	200	x	2	4	1

HBP-OLN by Barry (Green). SAC-PA 1(Godsill). SB-PA 1(Montanez).

Nazareth	IP	R	ER	H	K	BB	WP
Barry(d)	6.0	2	2	4	9	4	5

Andover	7.0	1	1	1	9	2	2
Hubbard (w)	8.0						

ANDOVER 9, DEERFIELD 4

ANDOVER	AB	R	H	RBI
Tsai, rf	4	1	1	1
Roberge, cf	2	0	1	1
Breen, lf	2	0	0	0
Siliato, 2b	3	1	2	0
Bain, c	3	2	1	0
Hubbard, l/rf, p	2	2	2	1
Campbell, 1b	2	1	0	1
Wang, dp, cf	2	1	1	0
Otway, ss	3	0	1	1
Godsill, 3b	1	1	1	1
Judge, 3b	2	0	0	0
Shannon, (dfo), p	0	0	0	0
Totals	26	9	9	6

DEERFIELD	AB	R	H	RBI
Kittredge, 2b	1	1	0	0
Walsh, p	2	0	0	0
Rockefeller, 3b	3	0	1	1
Coakley, ss	3	0	0	0
Currell, 1b	3	1	1	1
Kline, cf	2	1	1	1
O'Rourke, c	3	0	0	0
Cutler, lf	2	1	1	0
Ferrari, lf	1	0	0	0
Chalket, rf	2	0	1	0
Baron, rf	1	0	1	1
Totals	23	4	6	3

Deerfield	010	021	*	4	6	5
Andover	042	03x	*	9	10	0

2B-DA 1(Cutler). HR-DA 1(Currell) of Shannon. SAC-PA 1(Hubbard). PB-DA 1.

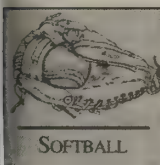
Deerfield	IP	R	ER	H	K	BB	WP
Walsh(d)	5.0	9	3	10	3	2	2
Andover							
Shannon(w, 4.0)	4.1	3	3	4	0	4	0
Hubbard	1.2	1	1	2	2	1	0

* Game called due to rain after top of the sixth inning.

Cushing Eliminates Softball

by Bridget Cook
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Cushing	2
Andover	1
Andover	3
N. Reading	0



SOFTBALL

Last Saturday's game was a very well played, competitive match for both Phillips Academy and Cushing Academy. Unfortunately for the Big Blue, the team's season ended when it was eliminated from the tournament for the third consecutive year.

Cushing

Andover scored its first and only run in the second inning, and held that lead until the sixth inning when Cushing managed to rack up two runs. Andrea Campbell '99, who reached first after being hit by the pitcher, was sacrificed by Rebecca Godsill '98 to each second. A solid single hit by Lauren Tsai '00 drove Campbell in, but the inning was ended with her out on base while attempting to steal. This was the only run that Andover would see in the game. Although the Blue did all they could to score more runs in later innings, Cushing's defense held them back even when the bases were loaded.

With Erica Hubbard '01 on the mound and catcher Rachel Bain '98 behind the plate, Andover managed to

keep Cushing off the scoreboard until the sixth inning, when small mistakes on Andover's part allowed the purple to gain two runs and hold a one run lead for the rest of the game. The sixth inning started off quickly with two Cushing batters getting on base with no outs. The batter, who then managed to reach third, stole home safely to score the first run for Cushing. The second run for the Purple was retrieved by a double error made by Andover. An over-throw to second by the Blue in an attempt to tag a Cushing runner sailed right over the infielders' heads, giving said runner ample opportunity to steal first to third base, and then on to home.

In the bottom of this extremely crucial inning, Cushing's defense was at its best. Despite great efforts made by Andover, the team was held at base. Hubbard was out at third when Eileen Wang '99 hit a line drive straight at the opponent's short stop, who reached across and threw to get her out at first. After this the seventh and final inning became Andover's last chance to win the game. However, neither Cushing or Andover could get a runner on base, and both teams ended the game with three quick outs.

North Reading

Battling unfavorable elements of blinding sun and high humidity, the Andover girls varsity softball team faced North Reading to defeat its opponents 3-0 last Wednesday. After last Saturday's loss, the team needed a win to boost its confidence, and this was the game to do it. Hubbard

pitched the entire time, striking out thirteen hitters, allowing only two hits. The Blue jumped out to an early lead and never looked back. Clutch and strategic offense scored the runs and strong defense and pitching preserved it.

While Andover was not struggling to keep its lead, the win could not be pegged as an easy one. This team has now boosted their impressive record to 13-1, with two more games to play before this season is over. On Friday, Andover will face St. Paul's School at Isham Field and on Saturday they face our rival from the north, Phillips Exeter, also at Isham Field.

CUSHING 2, ANDOVER 1

ANDOVER	AB	R	H	RBI
Tsai, cf	4	0	1	1
Roberge, cf	2	0	0	0
Siliato, 2b	3	0	1	0
Hubbard, p	3	0	1	0
Bain, c	3	0	1	0
Otway, ss	3	0	0	0
Wang, lf	3	0	0	0
Campbell, 1b	1	1	0	0
Godsill, 3b	2	0	0	0
Totals	24	1	4	1

CUSHING	AB	R	H	RBI
Butt, cf	4	0	1	0
Marhs, lf	4	0	0	0
Huggon, c	4	1	2	0
Thomas, ss	2	1	0	0
Mazza, p	2	0	0	0
Vallone, dp	2	0	0	0
Carr, 2b	3	0	0	0
Frazier, 1b	2	0	0	0
Hill, rf	3	0	0	0
Buell (dfo), 3b	0	0	0	0
Totals	30	2	3	0

Cushing	000	002	0	2	3	1
Andover	010	000	0	1	4	3

HBP-PA 1(Cambell) by Mazza; SAC- CA 2; PA 1(Godsill); PB-CA 1.

Cushing	IP	R	ER	H	K	BB	WP
Mazza(W)	7.0	1	1	4	1	2	0

Andover	IP	R	ER	H	K	BB	WP
Hubbard (L, 8-1)	7.0	2	1	3	7	3	0

Softball Regains Old Winning Form

by Bridget Cook
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



The very successful softball team proved itself as a highly qualified, determined and talented team whether in the field or up at bat. This year, the silver anniversary for softball at Andover, was very exciting, the team finishing with an overall record of 15-1. The leadership of Peter Drench, or Papa D, as he is affectionately called by the girls on his team, played a big factor in the success of this team. Co-captains Rachel Bain '98 and Liz Siliato '98 were the leaders on this team throughout a season coach Drench deemed as "outstanding."

The season started off well, as the team won its first game easily against Nobles High School, 5-0, with freshman Erica Hubbard pitching a no-hitter in her first time on the mound for Andover. She also chipped in at the plate, hitting a home run to left field. This game was a good omen for a team that would end up having a very successful season.

The season was ended a good note, too, with a 19-4 victory over Exeter. The last game of the season ended quickly, however, when the fifteen run rule was put into use in the fifth inning.

The team was saddened to see the graduating seniors go, as was Mr. Drench, who graciously handed out roses to the seniors on the team. This year's seniors were all very talented, as illustrated by their final year together.

This years graduating seniors included captains Rachel Bain and Liz Siliato, both four year members and starters, Kelly Roberge and Sarah Shannon, as well as the newest member Lisa Shaughnessy.

The team's three year manager, Sarah Corbin who has become a part of the team as well, will also be graduating this spring. Both Captains head off to Division 1 teams in college, knowing that they have been a part of one of Andover's most successful softball seasons ever, since their freshman year in 1995 when the teams record was 17-2.

The team controlled all of its opponents until the tournament at NMH on May 16, where they were defeated by Cushing Academy, 2-1. It was a difficult loss, one that many teams would not have taken very well, however the girls' varsity softball team showed that it would not faze them and came back to win the rest of the games it played.

Commenting on the team's one and only loss, coach Peter Drench said that the "team played well but ran into a team (Cushing) that played its very best. I was very proud of the way the team rebounded and played even better after the tournament."

One of this season's greatest assets was the addition of star pitcher and power hitter, freshman Erica Hubbard. She won ten games and recorded one hundred-thirty two strikeouts during her first season playing for Andover's soft-



Rebecca Godsill '99 applies a tag

Photo / D. Magnus

ball team. With three more incredible seasons left, the underclassmen look forward to a bright future for Andover softball. Another obvious highlight of the season was Joisan Decker's '99 grand slam home-run at Exeter; this showed the depth Andover has built in its softball program.

The members of the team were very pleased with the results of the season as first year player Marlena Montanez '99 commented, "Through all the stuff that we have gone through this year in terms of school, we managed to stay together and have a great season that I am really proud of."

This team has a lot to be proud of this year. With a strong record and such great effort throughout the season, the girls' varsity softball team enjoyed a great season. And, with so many team members returning next year, it is sure to be another good season. Still this year's outstanding crop of seniors graduating will not be easily replaced as Andover girls' softball looks ahead to the future.

SOFTBALL AVERAGES

BATTING

NAME	G	TAB	AB	R	H	RBI	Avg.	2B	3B	HR	BB	SB	SLG	OBP
Bain	16	57	50	17	24	15	.480	4	0	0	5	3	.560	.526
Breen	15	9	6	5	1	1	.167	0	0	0	1	2	.167	.333
Campbell	16	43	35	10	9	10	.257	3	0	0	6	0	.343	.372
Decker	12	23	19	5	4	6	.211	0	0	1	3	1	.368	.304
Godsill	16	28	20	8	7	6	.350	0	0	0	2	0	.350	.357
Hubbard	15	53	47	14	22	20	.468	4	1	1	4	0	.660	.509
Judge	11	12	9	1	1	1	.111	0	0	0	3	0	.111	.333
Montanez	13	11	9	1	1	2	.111	0	0	0	1	1	.111	.182
Otway	14	44	36	12	14	8	.389	1	0	0	2	1	.417	.409
Roberge	16	59	39	18	10	9	.256	0	0	0	13	3	.256	.390
Shannon	8	2	2	2	2	1	1000	0	0	0	0	0	1000	1000
Shaughnessy	12	27	22	1	3	3	.136	0	0	0	4	0	.136	.259
Siliato	16	57	48	17	21	15	.438	4	0	0	6	3	.521	.491
Tsai	16	66	50	21	18	9	.360	2	0	0	13	7	.400	.500
Wang	16	46	37	6	9	3	.243	0	1	0	7	2	.297	.391
TOTALS	16	540	432	138	148	109	.343	18	2	2	71	23	.407	.428

PITCHING

NAME	App.	W	L	ERA	IP	H	CG	ER	BB	HP	SO	Sv.
Campbell	3	0	0	2.33	3.0	0	0	1	7	0	2	0
Hubbard	12	10	1	0.45	77.67	19	9	5	20	6	132	0
Shannon	6	5	0	1.33	26.33	15	1	5	13	3	17	0
TOTALS	21	15	1	0.72	107.0	34	10	11	40	9	151	0

SPORT: BOYS' TENNIS
YEAR: 1997-98

CAPTAIN: PETER CHRISTODOULO
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: GREG WILKIN
ASSISTANT COACHES:

SEASON RECORD

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4th at Interschols

LETTER WINNERS

Tennis - B Var. A
Adams, Jeremy S.
Christodoulo, Peter G.(c)
Gutner, Michael M.
Hugo, John M.
Karlen, Peter B.
Merle, Andrew J.
Myers, Joffre V. A.
Thavaseelan, Simon
Valdesolo, Piercarlo

BOYS TENNIS - 1997-98

			PA	OPP
Sat., Apr. 4	Kingswood Oxford Tourn.	A	2nd	place
Wed., Apr. 8	Tufts	H	9	0
Fri., Apr. 10	M.I.T.	H	8	1
Sat., Apr. 11	N.M.H.	H	8	1
Fri., Apr. 17	Belmont Hill	H	2	3
Wed., Apr. 22	Milton	A	8	10
Fri., Apr. 24	Andover High			
Wed., Apr. 29	Exeter	A	7	2
Sat., May 9	Choate	A	4	1
Sat., May 16	Tournament	H	4th	place
Wed., May 20	Exeter	H	7	2
Thurs., May 21	St. John's	H	5	4

Boys' Tennis Opens the Season With a Convincing Victory Over Tufts JV, 9-0

by Dominique Hendelman &
Rowan Riley
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover	9
Tufts JV	0



On a sultry warm Wednesday afternoon at 2:30, the boys varsity tennis team is working hard against the Tufts JV team; yet the stands are empty except for two devoted fans. Despite lack of attendance, the boys in blue squashed Tufts JV team by the score of 9-0.

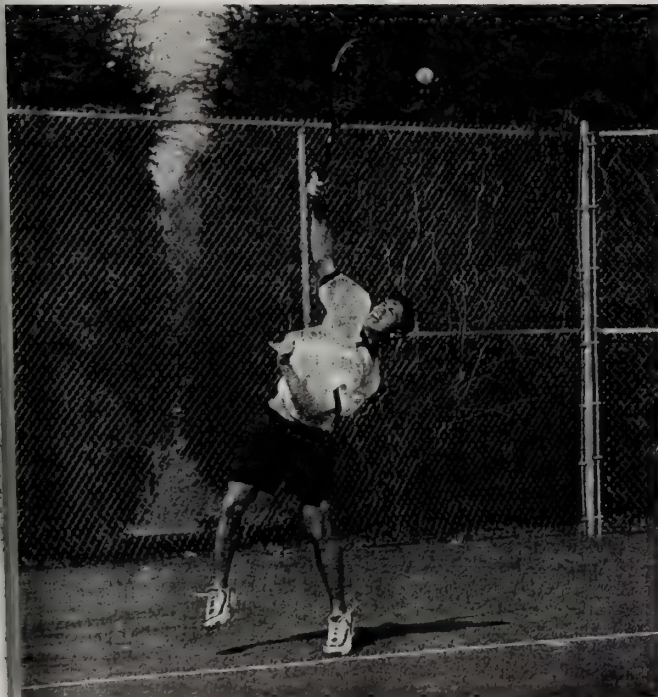
The team was headed by this year's number one player Andrew Merle '00, who played exceptionally well, and was quoted as saying, "I am confident that I can help the team. I think the strength of our team is the consistency in our line up." His skills have rapidly improved since last year when he was ranked number five.

Although weakened, playing without Peter Christodoulo '98, who was not playing due to a severe case of allergies, Andover still came out on top winning almost all their games in

straight sets.

The Tufts match on Wednesday was the second of this season. Over the weekend the men faced a grueling three day tournament at Kingswood-Oxford. In total, 8 schools were there to compete; among them were Deerfield and Choate, who have been the teams toughest competitors in the past. The team came out of this three day extravaganza looking good. Piercarlo Valdesola '99 won the four brackets, and Merle served and volleyed his way into the semifinals. Christodoulo made it to the finals where he faced a tough match, losing in three sets. The team played its best despite the fact that at one point the games had to be played in the snow.

So far the team has played solid tennis, and its performance at the Kingswood-Oxford has given them a hopeful outlook for the rest of the season. As Pete Christodoulo said, "we had a good start at the Kingswood Oxford, and we look forward to a good season." Looking at these strapping young tennis teens, there seems to be but one component missing to their game and that is the fans. So if your looking for some unbridled fun, come see the boys play in the sun.



Andrew Merrill, executing an overhead smash, jumped from the fifth seed last year to the one seed.

Photo / R. Magnus

Successful Week for Boys' Tennis

Squad, Led by Outstanding Doubles Play of Drew Merle '00 and Piercarlo Valdesolo '99, defeated MIT JV and NMH this week

by Rowan Riley &
Dominique Hendelman
PHILIPPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover	9
MIT JV	0

Andover	8
NMH	1



The boys' varsity tennis team has had nothing but success on the court so far, and this week was no exception. On April 10, the team faced MIT's JV team. Andover won in straight sets and Mr. Christodoulo was quoted as saying, "I've never seen the team in such good condition so early in the season." Mr. Hugo echoed this feeling by saying, "Oooh, ooh, ooh yeah."

The boys had no chance to rest after this great victory because they had a game against Northfield Mount Hermon on Saturday.

They played well and were able to overtake their very capable opponents by a score of 6-5 in the singles matches. One of the highlights of Saturday's match was Andrew Merle's '00 convincing victory.

Merle has been unstoppable so far this season and continues to improve. The team's most loyal followers have



Photo / L. Hoopes

John Hugo '98, shown here, and the team's other seniors, Pete Christodoulo, and Pete Karlen, have led the boys' tennis squad off to a great start.

confidence that it will continue on this blaze of glory; Mr. Christodoulo was quoted as saying, "The team is like a well-oiled machine."

Pete Christodoulo '98 has been a

meanwhile the team looks to continue winning and impressing its fans.

In the coming weeks, Andover will face rivals Milton, Deerfield, and Exeter.

Boys' Tennis Topped by Belmont Hill and Milton This Week

by Dominique Hendelman and Rowan Riley
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Belmont Hill	3
Andover	2

Milton	3
Andover	2



This week the boys' varsity tennis team faced two very difficult opponents with several hindering obstacles. Their first

match was on Friday against Belmont Hill. Due to poor weather conditions; however, the team was forced to move indoors.

Coach Wilkin commented that as a result of this unanticipated change of plans, the match was "hastily put together." He listed a second impediment to the Blue in remarking: "The scoring for the Friday game was changed to three singles matches and two doubles matches which favored Belmont Hill." As if the odds weren't already against them enough, the Andover team was also left without their number one player, Drew Merle '00.

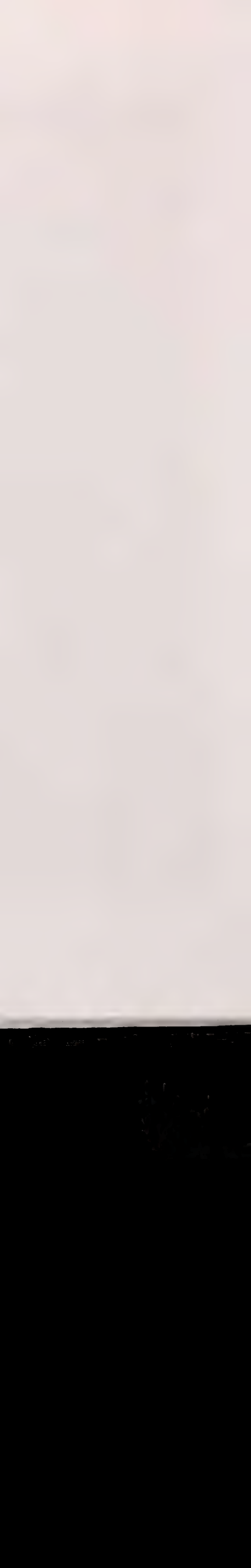
Despite these obvious disadvantages, the Blue fought well and lost by only a small margin of 3-2. Piercarlo Valdesolo '98 had a convincing win with a score of 4-6 6-2 6-2. Pete Christodoulo '98 played a tough match, ultimately losing in three sets

against Belmont Hill's Pat Maloy, who is ranked #8 in New England. The team was down 3-1 when the dynamic duo of Pete Karlen '98 and Simon Thavaseelan '99 took control, coming out victorious in straight sets. Coach Wilkins responded to their performance enthusiastically, commenting that "with their solid performances, they have a good shot at the Interschols."

Unfortunately, Andover's Wednesday game against Milton was another close upset of 3-2. Merle summed up the match with this penetrating and intensely felt quote: "The echo of the crisp new balls shattered the concentration of our unit, resulting in obstacles so great in size that overcoming them seemed unattainable." Rage on Drew, rage on.

There were many defaults by Milton in the second sets which hurt Andover's chances of winning. However throughout the darkness of the Wednesday match against Milton, there shined a bright light - Karlen and Thavaseelan were at it again. Their doubles performance was impeccable, giving them a win of 6-1, 6-4.

Despite these two random upsets, the Andover team remains strong and confident about their upcoming game on Friday against Andover High. Look for captain Christodoulo to be in top form, as usual, and for the team's other leaders, like Karlen, Valdesolo, and Merle to make the Andover boys' tennis team strong this season.



The Andover Boys' Tennis Team: A Cohesive Unit

by Simon Thavaseelan & Piercarlo Valdesolo

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS



Doulo. A man of few words. A man of few talents. A man who's willing to sacrifice his self-respect, dignity, and integrity for the good of the team. My man. Your man. Our man. Through toils and hardships, Doulo has risen from the slums of humanity to captain the boys' varsity tennis team.

Merle. A man of few thoughts. A man who knows no fear. Like his hair, his tennis game never cracks under the pressure. From near anonymity, Merle has skyrocketed to stardom on the strength of his character, and his hair. A descendant of strong roots, Merle's tennis dominance is clear, as are his gorgeous highlights.

Hugo. I remember the day I first met Johnny. I was warming up on the tennis courts when a vision of beauty started walking towards me. I couldn't tear my eyes away; elegance and charm the likes of which I had never before seen. I introduced myself and confessed my emotions. Then Hugo came by and beat the heck out of me for hitting on his little sister. I'll never forget that beating.

Valdesolo. He's Italian. Raised in the streets of Corleone, he honed his tennis skills by hitting figs off the walls of his godfather's small but unusually successful olive oil company.

Karlen. When people look at Karlen, they see an athlete. A man whose athletic prowess is seldom matched...Give me a break! The kid's 6'3 155 lbs and is cut like the poster child for world hunger. Who the heck plays squash anyway...come on...my grandmother could play squash and she's got one eye and wears a diaper!

Thavaseelan. Bringing an exotic Asian flavor to the team, Mon (pronounced "moan") is the only player on the team not to have played varsity tennis since his freshman year. He also carries the distinguished title of being the only team member not to have attended interscholastics and the KIT invitational tournament, as well as the only player yet to win a match in straight sets, not to mention the fact that he plays #6! This, however, in no way reflects upon his skills as a tennis player as the team has the utmost confidence in his abilities.

Dr. Wilkin. The doctor of medieval folklore and champion gardener who moonlights as a NASCAR driver. The keeper of the flame; the man behind the curtain. When he speaks, it's as if a beautiful butterfly emerged from his mouth and then flew back in and died.

Alone they are nothing. Together they form the eclectic mix which is the boys varsity tennis team. This week, Andover High dared to challenge our heroes and fell tragically in a 9-0 rout. Unfortunately, Valdesolo was unable to play as he was ejected from the team's previous match against Milton for fighting. Merle had no trouble with his opponent, but had to take cover after the fourth game as a strong wind threatened to muss his hair. Hugo, Karlen, and Thavaseelan also won easily. After the match, they caught up with Dr. Wilkin who had these bold words to say: "Victory is always titillating." Wisdom such as this is always appreciated.

Boys' Tennis Beats Exeter, Merle's '00 Hair Loses

by Piercarlo Valdesolo
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



BOYS' TENNIS

Last week the boys' tennis team beat Exeter 7-2, but the real story was not the match, but the bus-ride up. Everyone knew

when the team got on the bus. Merle knew we knew. Dr. Wilkin knew that Merle knew we knew. Hugo wasn't sure, but I told him. Merle was having a bad hair day. The gel didn't take and the body and fullness which had once characterized Merle's elegant locks had vanished. He tried to play it cool, but the shame finally got to him and he broke down in tears. Doulo, being the captain of the team, went to console him,

"Merle, you gotta put things in their proper prospective. What are you crying about? Your hair, man. Besides, I like your hair like this, pal. I really like it. I love it, baby... I mean buddy. It makes you look international...almost Greek... like a Greek schoolboy. If I were a woman, hell, if I were a man...wait a minute. Nevermind."

Merle's tears continued so Karlen took matters into his own hands: "Merle, your hair is like squash. Some days you can hit winners on every shot. The crowd will be roaring and everything will be going your way. But sometimes your strings are too tight, your rails are loose, you're missing the nick on all your drop shots. Then the next thing you know you're at Interschols and you get a bad seed and all of a sudden you're playing the

number one kid in the quarterfinals in the last match of your high school career and the walls are closing in on you cause you know you're going to lose and it's all because some chump on the draw committee actually cared that you lost a match against the best squash player in Thailand, "Thanks Karlen."

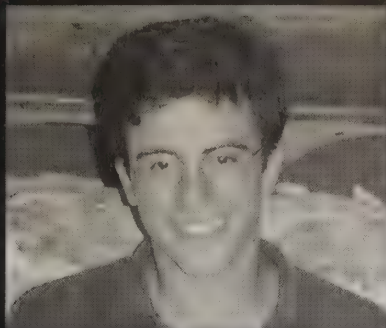
Karlen's attempts proved futile so Valdesolo decided to have a crack at him.

"Merle, your hair is like making love to a beautiful woman. You just have to sit back, relax, and let nature take it's course." Even after Valdesolo's inspiring oratory Merle's crying persisted. Thavaseelan went to work on him:

"Merle, in times of crisis I like to reflect upon the teachings of the immortal Mohandas K. Ghandi: 'We cannot allow ourselves to be overcome by the passion of youth. We must instead tend the fires and sanction the spark of eternal knowledge.' This may not have anything to do with your current situation; however, I often find relaxation and solace in his words. Merle was still crying. It was up to the good doctor to remedy this embarrassing situation in time for the match:

"Andrew, much like victory, your hair must always be sweet.

With this stunning revelation, Merle sprang to his feet and wiped the last tear from his eye just as the bus pulled into Exeter. With Wilkin's inspirational words flowing through his veins Merle went on to lose 6-1, 6-2, but his hair sparkled like the river of Jordan. Hugo still didn't know what was going on.



Peter Christodoulo '98

"'Doulo is willing to sacrifice his self-respect, dignity, and integrity for the good of the team."

—Piercarlo Valdesolo '99

by Kate Macmillan

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

The boys' tennis squad has quietly compiled an excellent 5-2 record. At the forefront of this admirable movement is captain Peter Christodoulo '98, perhaps better known to the masses as simply 'Doulo. Undoubtedly one of the most visible members of the PA community, 'Doulo has been making a name for himself since junior year, when he began playing varsity tennis.

Interestingly, one of 'Doulo's singles highlights this year came in the pre-season when he reached the finals of the Kingswood-Oxford Invitational Tournament in Connecticut. His strong performance early on thus served as an indicator of things to come, for 'Doulo has been a continual presence on the court for the duration of this season.

The varsity tennis team has lost only two matches this entire season. Playing as the #2 seed, 'Doulo has constructed a solid 4-1 singles record and is currently at an impressive 5-0 as part of the #1 doubles pair with partner John Hugo '98. Last Wednesday, 'Doulo and Hugo were able to come from behind to defeat a talented Exeter team 6-7, 6-3, 6-0 as the Blue went on to win the entire match 7-2.

Perhaps what's most admirable about 'Doulo's outstanding tennis career is that although he has always played varsity, he has managed to steadily rise through the ranks to his current #2 status. During his freshman year, 'Doulo played as low as the #6 seed, but through hard work and a constant improvement in skill, he has managed to rise to the near top of the ladder.

'Doulo's illustrious tennis career began at the tender age of eight in his hometown of Belmont, Massachusetts. It was there that he first picked up the sport at the Woburn Executive Racquet and Fitness Club, where he played at the recreational level until he turned eleven. At this point 'Doulo began to play much more competitively.

Such a change called for a much greater commitment to the sport, and he thus had to play three to five times a week every week. Eventually 'Doulo also became a member of the Longfellow Club of Wayland and the Belmont Hill Club in Belmont, during which time he simultaneously competed in both leagues and the United States Tennis Association tournaments.

Although Peter's then school, Buckingham, Browne, & Nichols, did have a tennis team, the level of play was at such a pitifully low level that it was actually detrimental to 'Doulo's game. So Christodoulo instead opted to play lacrosse in middle school, which obviously contributed to his all-around athleticism.

When 'Doulo was in the eighth grade with high school looming ahead, he felt that he needed a change from BB&N, where he'd been since pre-kindergarten.

Pete looked at Andover and felt that it offered a tremendous amount of opportunities, both athletically and academically, and so decided to matriculate after his acceptance. 'Doulo made an easy transition academically (although he says the academics gradually became much more difficult), and also played junior varsity ice hockey in addition to tennis that year.

The next fall he picked up squash, and, incredibly, was able to make varsity squash that winter. Squash has actually become one of 'Doulo's main talents, as he was the second seeded player this year and will continue to play next year in college. 'Doulo has also managed to participate in a number of other extracurriculars in his free time, including a radio show, being a co-head of Hellenic Society, a Blue Key, a member of the Athletic Advisory Board, and a...uh... small stint on the school paper.

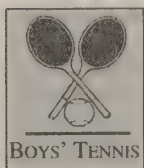
Pete's tennis career, however, definitely deserves mention, though. His younger sister, Thayer Christodoulo '00, puts it all in perspective when she says: "Over the years I have watched him progress from a young boy with little talent but lots of passion into a man who defines skill on the tennis court."

Next year Peter will take his racquet-wielding talents to Harvard, where sadly, his competitive tennis career will come to an end. He will, however, continue to play squash at the collegiate level. In addition, he would like to improve his already superb journalistic skills at Harvard's award-winning satiric magazine, *The Lampoon*. In the meantime 'Doulo hopes to keep up his involvement in skiing, hunting, and politics.

The name Peter Christodoulo, due to 'Doulo's meteoric rise to the top in nearly everything that he's tried his hand at, has become synonymous with success and achievement here at Andover. Perhaps one should not be surprised if someday they see 'Doulo once again in the public eye, maybe not as a professional tennis player but as something greater.

Boys' Tennis Says Goodbye to a Strong Group of Seniors

by Pete Christodoulo
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF EMERITUS



The Andover boys' tennis team put forth another successful season this spring and placed fourth out of sixteen teams at Interschols. Throughout the spring, the team relied on its depth in order to beat its opponents. Only on two occasions did the boys lose and in both instances the team was missing a player. The team consisted of seniors Peter Karlen, John Hugo, and Peter Christodoulo, uppers Piercarlo Valdesolo and Simon Thavaseelan, and lower sensation and Andover's number one player Andrew Merle.

All the players in this tightly knit group were not all blessed with amazing tennis strokes but by virtue of their sheer competitiveness and ability to compete well, the team was very successful. In some instances, Andover players who had not had an incredible amount of formal tennis training were able to beat their more practiced and dedicated foes. It was these individual matches that made a difference and put the team over the top in many team matches.

I know a man. He is not an average man. He scored a 1500 on his SAT I. He played number one on his high school tennis team. He has Tommy Hillfiger high top tennis sneakers along with a vintage Wilson ceramic racquet. He has a serve that has been clocked as high as 189 kph and has repeatedly aced members of his own team in practice with it. His name is Greg Wilkin, Ph.D.

This man hosted 14 other teams for the New England Preparatory School Interscholastic Tennis Tournament here in the rolling meadows of Andover on Saturday, May 16, 1998. He ran the tournament smoothly and presented Andover in a good light. His team finished a remarkable fourth even without his expertise in coaching. It was a good day.

After Interschols were over, all that remained in front of the gentlemen of the Andover tennis team were the boys from the

frontier outpost known as Exeter. As the Andover men strode onto the court, they knew that defeat was not an option on this day. No member of the team had ever lost a team match to Exeter. The seniors on the team were a perfect 7-0 over their four years and were eagerly looking for a perfect sweep with a win on the day. All the elements were in place.

After the lineups were announced, the onslaught began. Playing in the number six spot, Simon Thavaseelan jumped out to a quick 4-1 lead in the opening set and proceeded to run rough trot over his opponent. The Exeter man strode off the court with his head down. A four year member of the tennis team, Peter Karlen was not coming close to losing on this day. In a storm of emotion, Karlen ripped his opponent to shreds in straight sets.

In perhaps the most dramatic beating of the day, Piercarlo Valdesolo physically hurt his opponent and forced him to default. The Exie fell smitten to the court surface as he complained of hyperventilation. Valdesolo raised his hands in victory. Hugor won too. This match was a testament to Johnís greatness over his four years at Andover. He played his heart out and won in a convincing manner.

Playing number two, Doulo also played well in dispatching his long-time rival Darryl Chow of the hinterlands, 7-5, 6-2. Andover won the match by securing seven matches out of a possible nine. The seniors went 8-0. The day was won.

In a rematch from earlier in the season at the number one position between Andrew Merle and Daniel Zarchan, Merle played exceptionally well in rallying from down a set to force a decisive third. After getting up 3-1 in the third, Merle finally fell to the ugly red head. It was Exeter's only earned victory of the day and it was a tough one by which to come.

Throughout the last four years, the seniors on the Andover tennis team have beaten Exeter eight times and finished an impressive 44-10. At Interschols they have finished 7th, 4th, 2nd, and 4th again over the last four years respectively. They have enjoyed great success and bequeath a team ready for more of it in the future.

SPORT: GIRLS' TENNIS

YEAR: 1997-98

CAPTAIN: ROOPALI AGARWAL
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: LEON HOLLEY
ASSISTANT COACHES:

SEASON RECORD

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LETTER WINNERS

9th & 1st Interschols

Tennis - G Var A
Agarwal, Roopali (c)
Forbes, Thalia O. V.
Geis, Tanja M.
Grace, Carolyn L.
Hrdy, Camilla A.
Hu, Shih-Ye
Huang, Wendy
Lee, Robin J.
Teleron, Amy Lynn A.

'98 Girls' Tennis Team^{4/10} Aspires to Improve on Last Year's Third Place Finish

by Alex Mantel
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



As the new season begins, the girls' tennis team will need significant help from its experienced players in order to be successful.

With the loss of last year's captain Emily Wegner, Tiffany Horne '99, Kristin Moon '98, and Jen Shingleton '98, this young team needs leadership from its returning players, Roopali Agarwal '99, Amy Teleron '99, and Carolyn Grace '99, as well as from its new head coach, Leon Holley.

Last season was an admirable one for the girls, with a win against Exeter, and a third place finish at Interschols highlighting the season. The team finished with an overall record of 7-3 in what last year's coach Debby Murphy called, "a successful season." Wegner, the senior captain, led her team to some incredible wins. What was just as important as winning, though, was the experience that the younger players, Teleron, Agarwal, and Grace

gained as the season wore on. The team had some bumps in its seemingly smooth season, marked by two somewhat embarrassing losses against Choate, and a tough loss to Exeter.

The squad will need new players such as Robin Lee '98, and Anita Kumar '99 to step up big if they are going to avenge some of last year's losses. Amy Teleron seemed optimistic about the new team, saying, "We'll have some tough games this year, but I think we'll be able to come out on top in most of them."

It looks as though Agarwal and Teleron will battle it out for the number one spot this season, along with a cast of quite a few possible outstanding dark horses. Things are looking up for the girl's team this year and hopefully Mr. Holley will help them to rediscover their love for the game. If the younger players begin to mature as expected, then topping last year's third place finish at Interschols will become a reality. The girls will be tested next Wednesday when they face a tough St. Paul's team in Andover.



Girls' Tennis Squad Overmatched by a Well Trained St. Paul's Team

4/17
by Thayer Christodoulo
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

St. Paul's	9
Andover	5



The girls' varsity tennis team played its first match of the season on Wednesday, losing 5-9 to a strong and experienced St. Paul's squad.

Though the loss is disappointing because the Big Blue beat St. Paul's last spring, the Andover team performed valiantly with several team members playing in their varsity debuts.

In singles, Amy Teleron '99 played number one, only a minimal jump from last year's number three position. Though Amy played well, she could not command the points and lost both sets. In the number two position, captain Roopali Agarwal '99 found herself outplayed, as her results echoed Teleron's.

Carolyn Grace '99 moved up dramatically to number three on the ladder from last year's number six position. Grace lost in two sets, though her results do not represent the equality of the competitors and Grace barely lost the first set in a 7-5 tie break.

Newcomer Thalia Forbes '01, gave the big blue the first win of the

season at number four, as she used her powerful serve and commanding forehand to outplay her opponent in an easy two set match. In her varsity debut, Robin Lee '98 played well to split sets with an even competitor.

The doubles play was more favorable for the girls and they won four of six games. At number one doubles, Agarwal and Grace lost the first set, but came back to dominate the second set with an impenetrable serve and volley combination.

At number two doubles, Teleron and Lee used their skillful strokes and aggressive play to oust their opponents in two games. Varsity newcomers Anita Kumar '99 and Tanya Geis '98 played well to split sets with St. Paul's, in the number three doubles competition.

Commented captain Agarwal following the match, "It was our first match and we didn't have much match experience. The St. Paul's team had already played two matches and one scrimmage coming into our match and they were just more prepared than we were today. But at our rematch later in the season, we're going to play stronger and do really well. We'll only get better with experience"

The girls in blue will resume matches next Tuesday against Middlesex, which will be followed by matches against the Milton powerhouse and rival Exeter.

Girls' Tennis vs St. Paul's

Singles

Teleron	0-2
Agarwal	0-2
Grace	0-2
Forbes	2-0
Lee	1-1

Doubles

Agarwal/Grace	1-1
Teleron/Lee	2-0
Kumar/Geis	1-1



Girls' Tennis Still Looking for Its First Victory of Young Season

by Thayer Christodoulo

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Middlesex 10
Andover 8



GIRLS' TENNIS

The girls' tennis team suffered a close loss to a strong Middlesex squad on Tuesday, leaving them with a 0-2 record. Though the

team was not victorious, it played more solid tennis and played much better than it did in its debut match, two weeks ago.

At the number one spot, Amy Teleron '99 played strongly, but loss both sets to a freshman phenom . Playing in the number two spot, captain Roopali Agarwal '99 lost her first set in a tie breaker, but went on to crush her opponent 6-2 in the second set.

Carolyn Grace '99 was the most impressive of the Andover players, as she was the only Andover player to take both sets from her opponent. Freshman sensation Thalia Forbes, playing an evenly matched competitor, split sets at the number four spot. Playing number five, Robin Lee played well, but failed to dictate play, losing both sets. Newcomer Sasha Hrdy '00 lost both sets to a stronger Middlesex player.

The Big Blue fared better in the doubles draw with each team splitting sets. The first doubles team, Agarwal and Grace, was down two match points in the second set, but with concentration and strong net play, won four games in a row to take the second set, 7-5.

Lee and Teleron, playing at the second doubles slot, lost the first set by a score of 6-4, but salvaged the split with a victory in the second set. At third doubles, Tanja Geis '98 and Anita Kumar '99 played very evenly matched opponents and again split sets.

Commented Agarwal on the match, "We looked much more focused on Tuesday than the previous match, but we still have a long way to go... especially on Friday against last year's number one team from Milton and Saturday afternoon against a strong Exeter squad."

GIRLS' TENNIS

MIDDLESEX 10, ANDOVER 8

Singles	W/L/S	Sets
Teleron	L	0-2
Agarwal	S	1-1
Grace	W	2-0
Forbes	S	1-1
Lee	S	1-1
Hardy	L	0-2
Doubles		
Agarwal/Grace	S	1-1
Teleron/Lee	S	1-1
Kumar/Geis	S	1-1

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Girls' Tennis Blanks Nobles

5/15

by Drew Chin & Pat Murphy
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover	9
Nobles	0



The girls' varsity tennis team, playing at home in only its third match of the season, was determined to recoup for two earlier losses, as the team

put on a masterful performance against the Nobles and Greenough squad this past Wednesday. Before the match, Coach Holley emphasized the importance of focusing, and the girls did just that, as they routed their overmatched opponent, 18-0 in their first victory of

this abbreviated season. Despite having the majority of their matches cancelled on account of bad weather, the Blue showed no signs of weakness in its convincing win.

Recently having claimed the top spot, captain Roopali Agarwal '99, rolled to any easy victory in her debut at number one, 6-2, 6-2. In sync with the winning trend, Amy Teleron '99, followed at the number two slot, prevailing 6-3, 6-0.

Carolyn Grace '99, playing at number three, showcased her talents in her trouncing of her opponent 6-1, 6-0. Grace proved to be a versatile threat as she attacked her opponent from both the baseline and at net, thwarting any hopes of a Nobles' win.

Freshman phenom, Thalia Forbes

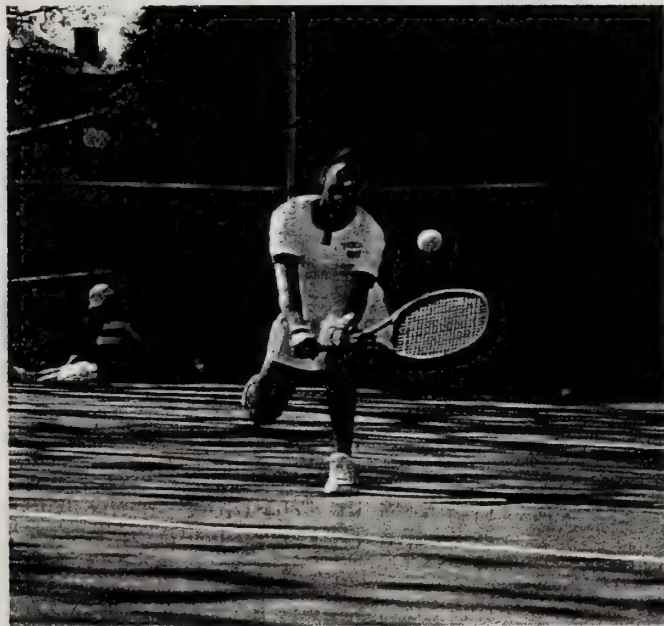
'01, at number four, notched an impressive win for the Blue as she used her aggressive serve and sharp groundstrokes in echoing Grace's results, 6-1, 6-0. As it is easily seen, Forbes, a prominent contributor to the team throughout, has a promising career ahead of her.

Rounding out the team at numbers five and six, Robin Lee '98 and Sasha Hrdy '00, both posted victories, winning 6-0, 6-3 and 6-2, 6-4, respectively. As first year players, both have countered their inexperience with a commanding on-court prowess. On the match, Hrdy commented, "Uh...uhh...I really don't know what to say, but it was really nice getting a match in...you know...since it has been raining a lot."

The doubles play was nothing short of superlative, as Andover continued to cruise through the match. The dynamic duo of Agarwal and Teleron, at first doubles, sent their lesser competitors home empty handed, as they blanked them in two sets. In the closest contest of the day, the second team of Lee and Grace had to battle to preserve the shutout, winning 7-5 in the second set after taking the first set 6-3. At number three doubles, Hrdy and newcomer Wendy Huang '01 teamed up and came out with a straight set victory.

Following the match, Grace remarked, "I hope people aren't fooled by the overall score...they weren't that bad, we just dominated." The writers, however, cannot be convinced of her sincerity as she pleaded throughout the interview, "We're really good, I swear."

On Saturday, the team will venture to Thayer, for what it anticipates to be a "very challenging" outing. Ranked second in the league, Thayer will certainly prove to be a formidable opponent. Let's hope that the Blue will be able to sustain its recent level of play and emerge victorious.



The girls took all 18 sets against Noble & Greenough on Wednesday

Photo / D. Kurs

Tennis Beats Exeter

5/22

by Drew Chin & Pat Murphy
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Thayer	10
Andover	4
Andover	5
Exeter	4



Rolling off its impressive win over Nobles last Wednesday, the girls' varsity tennis team was hoping to come out with the same intensity this past Saturday in a road match against Thayer and Wednesday against Exeter.

The Blue Found itself shorthanded, missing Carolyn Grace '99 and Thalia Forbes '01 to injury and sickness, and overmatched against Thayer, boasting three of the region's premier players, as they lost 10-4. Thayer ranked second in the league Dominated the Blue.

Still in an amazing display of will, the number one doubles pair of Teleron and Agarwal came away with a victory. When all hope appeared to be lost, the two emerged from the bowels of dejection and came from behind in a match that tested all players' determination. Inspired by their teammates' efforts, the second doubles team of Hrdy and Huang tallied another win as they recorded a 6-3, 6-1 victory over their lesser opponents.

On their wins, Hrdy remarked, "Taking 4 sets off of them was really great...don't quote me for this part but they used their worst players against us in doubles. shhh."

Despite the disheartening loss, Captain Agarwal still remained in good

tough match...I think that it was good preparation for Exeter."

Exeter

In their last match before next weekend's Interschols, the team again traveled away, this time to Exeter for what Captain Roopali Agarwal '99 expected to be a "tough but winnable" match. Preceding the match, the Exeter team, in an act of blatant inferiority, displayed a rather large cookie with the words, "Chew the Blue," written on it and proceeded to eat it like gluttonous swines. On the incident, Sasha Hrdy '00 commented, "That cookie thing was so stupid. We wanted to steal it. Who says 'Chew the Blue'? Besides, we were hungry...but they ate it before we had a chance." The girls then took to the courts for what turned out to be one of the closest and most tense contests of the season. Happily, the Blue was able to prevail over their arch-rivals, in spite of their antics, 5-4.

Agarwal, in the number one spot, managed to keep the second set close after losing the first, 6-3, but ended up losing 7-6 after the fateful tie-breaker. Amy Teleron, at second singles, could not find her rhythm as her opponent kept the pace out of reach, on the way to disappointing 6-2. 6-1 loss. However, the Blue pulled off the win.

The Blue will travel to Choate this weekend for Interschols where they hope to improve upon last year's third place finish. Hrdy captures the essence of the team's outlook in saying, "We might do ok...we might not...but I hope we do well." Since they have had such little time to prepare with so few games this year, it will be interesting to see how things

Girls' Tennis Gets Rained on

by Drew Chin and Pat Murphy

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS



After an abbreviated season marked by an unprecedented number of cancellations due to bad weather, the girls' varsity tennis team still managed a ninth place finish at Interschols after compiling a regular season

record of 2-3.

Regardless of the team's record, this year acted as an important learning experience for the girls as it tested not only their patience but also their ability as a team.

With only three returning players, captain Roopali Agarwal '99, Amy Teleron '99, and Carolyn Grace '99, this year brought many new faces to the team, including the new coach, Leon Holley, who assumed the position this year for Debbie Murphy. On the coaching, Grace remarked, "This is Coach Holley's first time coaching tennis and he did a great job getting us organized since we lacked focus at the start."

Going in as a team comprised of mostly rookies, the Blue deemed this to be a transition year, unsure of how their season would turn out. But the intense play of Thalia Forbes '01, Sasha Hrdy '00, Robin Lee '98, and Wendy Huang '01 actually strengthened what had previously been thought to be a weak lineup, playing an integral part in the Blue's two victories. In her first season, Forbes proved to be a dominating force at the number four singles spot, threatening her opponents with a combination of her sound groundstrokes and serves. Another junior hopeful, Huang joined the team in the latter part of the year, and proved worthy of her billing, making significant contributions in both singles and doubles.

Though skilled, these less experienced players had trouble adapting to each other,

especially in doubles play. There was constant miscommunication and a lack of intimacy between the players at the start of the year. But as the season progressed, they were able to further develop their relationship both on and off the court, making for a stronger sense of team unity. To add to the Blue's problems, the first two players both had difficult schedules, as they both had lackluster seasons, posting only one victory each. In spite of all that was going against them, the Blue refused to daunt in their shortcomings, choosing to improve upon them instead, making the best of their limited court time.

Their hard work paid off in their victories over Nobles and Exeter, the season's highlights. In their first game back after a three week hiatus from match play, the Blue was able to come out and whitewash Nobles, blanking them 18-0, in a contest that was unevenly matched. Their second and last victory came in the season closer against Exeter, at Exeter. Despite Exeter's pathetic attempts at intimidation, the Blue prevailed in the closest match of the season, ironically, in one of the regions most heated rivalries. Unfortunately the Blue was unable to play some of the more challenging teams, such as the one against the perennial power, Milton, as those matches were canceled, depriving them from the precious preparation time needed for Interschols.

With the anticipated return of Tiffany Horne '99 and Brooke Peyton '01 to their arsenal, the Blue look forward to a solid season next year. Grace commented, "The new players were very skilled but very young and less experienced, but we are bound to be good after this rebuilding stage, especially with the incoming players." Since they are only losing one senior, the team can work on becoming more of a cohesive unit, and build on this year's successes in hopes of improving on their disappointing finish at Interschols.

LETTER WINNERS

Track & Field -BV

Adaime, Luis F.
Brown, Lewis, Jr.
Costantino, Mark J., Jr.
Dinneen, Colin B.
Friedman, John N.
Hamilton, William B.
Haskell, Sherwin T., IV
Jungbacker, Erik N.
Kehlenbeck, Alexander P.
Lasater, Charles K.
Maletz, Drew D.
Okike, Nnamdi D.(c)
Phillips, Benjamin T.
Preman, Kyle I.
Saunders, Bryan M.
Voccola, Edward J.
Williams, Beau M.
Williamson, Timothy L.

SPORT: BOYS' TRACK

YEAR: 1997-98

CAPTAIN: NNAMDI OKIKE
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: JOHN STRUDWICK
ASSISTANT COACHES:

SEASON RECORD

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Fri., Apr. 16	Reading High	H	canceled
Wed., Apr. 22	Tewksbury	H	
Sat., Apr. 25	N.M.H./Naps	74	71 - NMH
Sat., May 2	Andover High	H	75 70
Wed., May 6	Cushing/Central		canceled
Sat., May 9	Loomis Chaffee	H	50 86
Sat., May 16	Interscholastics	H	1st place
Sat., May 23	Exeter	H	86 59

Boys' Track Hopes for a Record-Setting Season

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Led by a core of returners and a talented group of newcomers, the boys' track team hopes to build on last year's second place finish at Interschols. The team will have its first meet this Saturday when it runs against Deerfield and Taft at Deerfield. Team captain's Nnamdi Okike '98 and Hannah Cole '98 have optimistic thoughts on the upcoming season. With last year's success more pressure surely will come for the boys, but with the talent on this year's team a New England Championship is definitely within reach.

Under the leadership of John Friedman '98, who set the Andover indoor two mile record just a month and a half ago in New York City and placed sixth in the Nationals in the same event, the long-distance runners appear to be the strength of this year's team. Uppers Collin Dineen '99 and Andy Hsu '99 will lead the packs in the 800m and 3KM respectively. Both of these three season runners have just begun to show their strong potential

for breaking the long standing records that will face them. Ben Phillips '01, after a great indoor season, is fully expected to break the 1500m freshman record and hopes that he will be able to produce the same quality running in the 3K event.

The sprinters are led by 400m runner Okike and new PG Beau Williams '98. Last year Nnamdi ran a 51 second 400m and is looking for the chance to break the school record that was set by Mario Watts '94. In the past Williams has run sub-49 second 400's and will face minimal competition this season. Together, Okike, Williams, Maletz '98, and Dineen are hoping to break the 4 by 400 m Andover-Exeter record this season.

Field events will undoubtedly be strong as well this season as the jumpers make their adjustments in the early season. Okike is heading into his 4th year of triple, and long jumping. Pole-vaulter Kurt Spring '98 is happy about his performances thus far and will be vying for his spot in the top tier of New England.

With their depth in both track and field events, the team hopes to fulfill their expectations of a New England Championship.

HILLIPS ACADEMY TRACK - JUNETEENTH RESULTS

DATE: APRIL 11th 1978

vs. Deerfield vs. Taft

BAG

EVENT	1 st PLACE - 5pts			2 nd PLACE - 3pts			3 rd PLACE - 2pts			4 th PLACE - 1pt			P.A.	D	T
	COMPETITOR	T	T/D/H	COMPETITOR	T	T/D/H	COMPETITOR	T	T/D/H	COMPETITOR	T	T/D/H			
4x100		D	46.3	VOCOLA WILLIAMS SAUNDERS SPRING	P	46.4							3	5	-
1500	FRIEDMAN	P	4:26.1	PHILLIPS	P	4:30.8	DESCHENES	T	4:31.1	PORTER	D	4:33.2	8	1	2
SHOT	WILLIAMSON	P	40'7"	LLOYD	T	40'12"	MANGAN	P	39'4"	ROSS-HARRINGTON	P	38'22"	8	-	3
110 H	UGWONALI	D	15.2	TUCKER	T	17.0	LASATER	P	17.6	CAMMINS	T	18.0	2	5	4
400	TAYLOR	D	50.8	OKIKE	P	51.1	MALETZ	P	52.0	KYME	T	53.4	2	3	6
100	JORDAN	T	11.2	ORTSI	D	11.3	WILLIAMS	P	11.8	CRAWFORD	T	11.8	28	19	1
HIGH J.	WILLIAMS	P	5'8"	LASATER	P	5'6"	GARY	D	5'6"	PREMAN	P		8	2.5	0.
POLE V.	YOO	D	13'0"	YAMAGUCHI	D	11'6"	HAYDEN	D	11'0"	FRAZIER	T	5'4"	36	21.5	16
800	MCLEOD	D	2:02.1	FRIEDMAN	P	2:02.7	WEBB	D	2:05.1	VENRON	T	9'0"	-	10	1
300 H	UGWONALI	D	41.4	CRIMMINS	T	43.3	CHANDY	T	43.5	WENRON	T	9'0"	3	7	1
DISCUS	AGUILA	T	110'9"	BYRD	D	107'11"	BURKE	D	105'7"	JOHNSON	T	2:05.4	39	38.5	18
JAV.	CONSTANTINO	P	135'4"	CARTWRIGHT	D	123'	FAUX	T	121'9"	JOHNSON	T	2:05.4	1	5	5
200	TAYLOR	D	23.2	WILLIAMS	P	23.6	KWENTING	T	23.8	LASATER	P	45.1	40	43.5	2.
TRIPLE J.	OKIKE	P	43'5"	JOHNSON	D	40'11"	TUCKER	T	38'4"	FAUX	T	104'4"	-	5	6
LONG J.	OKIKE	P	19'9"	SAUNDERS	P	19'6"	PREMAN	P	18'32"	FAUX	T	119'2"	5	3	3
3000	FRIEDMAN	P	10:07.9	SAND	P	10:31.6	DAWSON	D	11:02.0	HIGGIE	T	119'2"	3	5	3
4x400	OKIKE KEHLENBECK DINNEEN MALETZ	P	3:32.9		D	3:34.2				JULY	T	23.8	48	56.5	35
													6	3	2
													54	59.5	35
													10	1	-
													64	60.5	35
													8	3	-
													72	63.5	35
													5	3	-
													77	66.5	3

* new ninth grade record (Dinner 93) 4:34.0

TOTAL TEAM POINTS	77	66½	37
FINAL STANDINGS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd

Relays Score 5-3-07

BOYS' TRACK

Top Finishers

Event	Name	Place
Shot Put	Williamson	1
	Mangan	3
Javelin	Constantino	1
Long Jump	Okike	1
	Saunders	2
	Preman	3
Triple Jump	Okike	1
High Jump	Williams	1
	Lasater	2
1500m	Friedman	1
	Phillips	2
110m Hurdles	Lasater	3
400m	Okike	2
	Maletz	3
100m	Williams	3
800m	Friedman	2
200m	Williams	2
3000m	Friedman	1
	Sand	2
Relays		
4x100m	Voccola	2
	Williams	
	Saunders	
	Spring	
4x400m	Okike	1
	Kehlenbeck	
	Dinneen	
	Maletz	

Boys' Track & Field Tops Deerfield, Taft

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Andover	77
Deerfield	66.5
Taft	37.5



Despite overwhelming sickness among its runners, the track team won their first meet on

Saturday against Deerfield and Taft at Deerfield by ten points, and posed as a veritable threat in virtually every event. The team kept their strong record from last year by maintaining their undefeated status. The long distance runners led the team in winning every event and placing first and second in the 1500 and the 3KM. The sprinting team gave an equally spectacular performance, winning the four by four hundred and the 100 in the unseasonably warm weather.

With John Friedman '98 winning most of the team's points in the 3km, 800m, and the 1500m, the long distance group did exceptionally well in all of their events. Friedman blazed past his competitors, whom he had initially followed for fun, closing his 3km race with a phenomenal 59.5 final lap. Ben Phillips '01 led the 1500m with a strong lead until the last 100m, when Friedman, who had shadowed him closely, unleashed his kick and burned past Phillips in a questionable move to the finish. But Phillips had a great day breaking the 1500m freshman record. His performances will surely become even more impres-

sive as the season progresses. The sickness of Collin Dinneen '99 on Saturday was an obvious personal setback but Dinneen assures that he will be back for the meet on Friday against Reading High School. Although Dinneen hopes to go under 2 minutes for the 800m on Friday, he remains a little skeptical about whether or not he will be able to achieve this goal, since success is partly hinged on the performance of the other team. But if the development of the distance group's runners is any indication of their performance later in the season, then it would be in the best interest of Andover's opposition to watch the Big Blue cautiously.

The sprinting team was lead by Beau Williams '98, who finished second in the 200m and turned out a strong performance in the 4 by 100m, as well as team captain Nnamdi Okike '98, Justin Voccola '99, and Malik Fall '98. Okike won both the triple and long jump, further setting the stage for more wins to come later in the season. The four by four meter relay race was won by Friedman, Dinneen, and new freshman runner Alex Kehlenbeck '98, and finished by Okike. Williams commented on the future of the 4 by 4 team with confidence and optimism. "We're going to get nasty," he said.

That seems to be the general idea of things to come as the team heads into their next meet against Reading High School on Friday. There are high expectations for another spectacular performance by this immensely talented team.

Boys' Track Knocks Off Tough Tewksbury Team

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Andover	77
Tewksbury	69



The boys' track team won its second meet of the year against Tewksbury, winning easily on Wednesday. The boys ran well in the sprinting events and dominated in the field with captain Nnamdi Okike '98 leading the team in the triple jump and the long jump. The track team will meet strong competition against NMH, Naval Academy Prep, and Milton in a crucial meet this upcoming Saturday.

The long distance squad did less than it had expected Saturday without its star John Friedman '98. However, Ben Phillips '01 assumed leadership in the 1500m, taking second place in a competitive heat. Phillips went out on a fast first lap clocking in at 65 seconds, but then progressively slowed in the following laps. Phillips was happy with his performance on Wednesday. His race on Saturday broke his own prior freshman record of 4:30 by two seconds. Drew Maletz '98 won the 800m on Wednesday with a fast first lap. Maletz stayed in the pack at first before he made his move, claiming the lead in the last 350m with a sensational kick. Maletz will be in contention for first place this

Saturday in a sure-to-be-interesting 800m race.

The sprinters were led by the first place finish in the four by one hundred with experienced runners: Justin Voccola '99, Beau Williams '98, Bryan Saunders '99, and in anchor Lewis Brown '99. The race stayed close but Tewksbury disqualified itself in the minutes after the race because a hand-off took place outside of the designated hand-off zone. Nnamdi Okike in a phenomenal day won the four hundred meter race, going all out in the last 100m to take over his Tewksbury opponent by 1.5 seconds. He has and will continue to show his talent in the upcoming meets this spring. The four by four hundred meter race was also won by the Big Blue on Wednesday but in a much less challenging race winning by five seconds. The race of the day came in the 100m dash, Lewis Browns' 100m first place finishing which Brown nipped his opponent by two hundredths of a second.

The field events favored Andover with Okike winning the long jump and triple jump and Beau Williams '98 winning the high jump. John Costantino '99 placed third in the Javelin vying for a difficult spot for the top two finishers. Andover will be running against tough competition on Saturday but if its performance is any indication of future meets than the schools they are facing better watch out.

BOYS' TRACK

ANDOVER 77, TEWKSBURY 66

Event	Name	Result	Place
Shot Put	Williamson Mangan	42'6.5" 41'5"	1 2
Javelin	Haskell Constantino	142'4" 137'9.5"	2 3
Discus	Williamson	101'10.5"	3
Long Jump	Okike Saunders Preman	19'8.5" 19'4" 18'9.5"	1 2 3
High Jump	Williams Saunders	5'10" 5'8"	1 2
Triple Jump	Okike Preman Voccola	42'3.5" 37'6" 36'6.5"	1 2 3
Pole Vault	Jungbacker	8'6"	2
100m	Brown	11.6s	1
110m Hurdles	Lasater	18.3s	3
200m	Williams	23.9s	2
300m Hurdles	Lasater Adairne	43.5s 46.9s	2 3
400m	Okike	51.3s	1
800m	Maletz	2:04.1	1
1500m	Phillips Hamilton	4:28.6 4:42.9	2 3
3000m	Rodriguez	10:33.5	3
4x100m Relay	Andover	46.4s	1
4x400m Relay	Andover	3:37.6	1

PHILLIPS ACADEMY TRACK — MEET RESULTS

re: 25th April '98

vs.:

NM H.

(B/G: Boys)

EVENT	1 st Place — 5pts.			2 nd Place — 3pts.			3 rd Place — 1pt.			P.A.	N.M.H.
	COMPETITOR	Team	Time/ Distance/ Height	COMPETITOR	Team	Time/ Distance/ Height	COMPETITOR	Team	Time/ Distance/ Height		
Shot Put	Romano	NM H	51'2"	Williamson	A	42'2"	Visconti	NM H	41'1"	3	6
Long Jump	Okike	A	20'10"	Riley	NM H	20'7 1/2"	Saunders	A	19'11 1/4"	6	3
4x100 Meter	NM H		46.6	Vogelaar, Kellenbeck Andover Saunders, Thompson		47.0				0	5
1500 Meter	Friedman	A	4:24.7	Borntraeger	NM H	4:24.9	Phillips	A	4:32.0	6	3
110m Hurdles	Lasater	A	16.8	Kelley	NM H	18.3	Freeman	NM H	19.2	5	4
400 Meter	Okike	A	52.6	Matthews	NM H	56.2	Kellenbeck	A	59.2	6	3
Discus	Gaines	NM H	116'7"	Remedo	NM H	106'11"	Levi	NM H	102'8"	5	9
100 Meter	Williams	A	11.4	Riley	NM H	11.5	Ko	NM H	11.9	5	4
High Jump	Williams	A	5'8"	Watson	NM H	5'6"	Lasater	A	5'4"	6	3
Triple Jump	Andros	NM H	41'6"	Okike	A	40'11 1/2"	Freeman	A	37'6 1/2"	5	4
800 Meter	Borntraeger	NM H	2:02.9	Maletz	A	2:02.9	Dineen	A	2:03.3	4	5
300m Hurdles	Lasater	A	43.5	Kelley	NM H	43.6	Brown	NM H	43.7	5	4
Javelin	Gaines	NM H	143'	Haskell	A	138'11"	Fratic	NM H	132'3"	3	6
Pole Vault	Fraunfelder	NM H	11'6"	Abell	NM H	9'	Spring	A	9'	1	8
200 Meter	Williams	A	23.4	Matthews	NM H	24.1	McCola	A	25.1	6	3
3000 Meter	Friedman	A	9:32.3	Phillips	A	9:42.7	Leikila	NM H	9:54.3	8	6
4x400 Meter	Okike, Williams Andover McCola, Saunders		3:31.2	Miller		3:39.2				5	0
										4	4

* new 9th grade record (Banton '98)
10.50)

TOTAL TEAM POINTS

74 71

TEAM STANDINGS

1 2

Boys' and Girls' Track Triumph with Strong Individual Performances

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Andover 74
NMH 71



In its most competitive match of the young season, the boys' track team narrowly beat N.M.H., Saturday. Team captain Nnamdi Okike '98 once again

lead the team winning three of his four events on Saturday. Upper Kam Lasater also played a major role in the team's victory, winning two of his three events, the 110m and 300m hurdles. His flexibility will be called on tomorrow as the Big Blue faces tough competition, Andover High, at home.

Saturday, the long distance squad faced good competition with a close victory in the 1500m race and a devastating loss in the 800m. After running in the Penn Relays on Friday, long distance runner extraordinaire, John Friedman '98, won his 1500m race by a hair.

The race was led out by freshman Ben Phillips for the first 1000m until John and the opposing runner overcame him in the windy conditions. The 800m began at a fast pace for the first split by Collin Dinneen '99 and Drew Maletz '98. Maletz and Dinneen

put in their kick in the final 100m, but it came down to a questionable call in the tie against Maletz and in the favor of the N.M.H. runner. The meet came down to

in the words of Phillips, "the most anticipated race of the day," the 3K.

As expected Friedman was strong, placing first, but Phillips was the unexpected, placing second, and in the process breaking his own freshmen record of 9:42.7.

The sprinting team had a very successful meet on Saturday, winning many of the events largely in part to the outstanding efforts of Lasater and Beau Williams '98. Lasater was able to edge out his opponent in the 300m hurdle race by two tenths of a second, while also winning his 110m hurdles race with a commanding two seconds lead the runner-up. Beau Williams won a very tightly contested 100m race narrowly passing his opponent in the end with a long lean towards the finish line. Okike won in the 400m and led the 4 X 400m, with Williams anchoring the final leg, to victory.

In a relatively poor showing in the field events Williams and Okike showed their experience by producing two first places between them. The team is undoubtedly in its peak stage of training, going into its meet tomorrow.



Brian Saunders '99 sprints for the finish, while his NMH opponent struggles to keep pace

Photo / L. Hoopes

BOYS' TRACK ANDOVER 74, NMH 71

Event	Name	Result	Place
Shot Put	Williamson	42'2.5"	2
Javelin	Haskell	138'11"	2
Discus	DNP	DNP	DNP
Long Jump	Okike	20'10"	1
	Saunders	19'11.25"	3
High Jump	Williams	5'8"	1
	Lasater	5'4"	3
Triple Jump	Okike	40'11.75"	2
	Premian	37'6.5"	3
Pole Vault	Spring	9'0"	3
100m	Williams	11.4s	1
110m Hurdles	Lasater	16.8s	1
200m	Williams	23.9s	1
	Vaccola	25.1s	2
300m Hurdles	Lasater	43.5s	1
400m	Okike	52.6s	1
	Kehlenbeck	59.2s	3
800m	Maletz	2:02.9	2
	Dinneen	2:03.3	3
1500m	Friedman	4:24.7	1
	Phillips	4:32.0	3
3000m	Friedman	9:38.3	1
	Phillips	9:42.7	2
4x100m Relay	Andover	47.0s	2
4x400m Relay	Andover	3:31.2	1

PHILLIPS ACADEMY TRACK — MEET RESULTS June
re: May 2nd '98 vs. Andover H.S. B/G: Boys

EVENT	1 st Place — 5pts.			2 nd Place — 3pts.			3 rd Place — 1pt.			P.A.	AHS
	COMPETITOR	Team	FOI	COMPETITOR	Team	FOI	COMPETITOR	Team	FOI		
Long Jump	OKIKE	PA	20'7 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	PREMAN	PA	19'9 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	ROY	AHS	18'9"	8	1
Shot Put	Barchi	AHS	41'11"	Williamson	PA	41'6"	Morgan	PA	40'6"	4	5
4x100m	PA	PA	45.2	AHS	PA	45.5	—	—	—	5	9
1500	Friedman	PA	4:08.6	Stamm	AHS	4:23.0	Higgins	AHS	4:24.0	5	4
110m Hurdles	Ayoub	AHS	15.8	Dang	AHS	16.8	Lasater	PA	16.9	1	8
Discus	Spiller	AHS	107.3	Williamson	PA	105	Ross-Harrington	PA	97.12	4	5
400m	OKIKE	PA	51.1	Maletz	PA	52.0	Spitzer	AHS	54.2	8	1
100m	Spiegel	AHS	11.5	Murphy	AHS	11.8	Brown	PA	12.1	1	8
Pole Vault	Dang	AHS	11'	McKenzie	AHS	10'	Rullivan	AHS	10'	0	9
800m	Erden	AHS	2:01.3	Friedman	PA	2:06.5	Fitzsimmons	AHS	2:06.9	3	6
300m Hurdles	Ayoub	AHS	42.3	Lasater	PA	44.0	Dang	AHS	45.3	3	6
200m	Williams	PA	23.4	Murphy	AHS	24.3	Voccola	PA	25.0	6	3
Triple Jump	OKIKE	PA	44'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Preman	PA	41'3 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	Roy	AHS	38'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	8	1
High Jump	Williams	PA	6'0"	munane	AHS	5'10"	Kline	AHS	5'6"	5	4
3000m	Phillips	*PA	9:28.1	Pilahan	AHS	9:51.7	Stamm	AHS	9:54.2	5	4
Javelin	Scarpulla	AHS	147'7"	Haskell	PA	134'2"	Constantino	PA	131'5"	4	5
4x400m	PA		3:28.2	DNF			—			5	0
										75	70

* new 9th grade record (Phillips '98 9:42.7)
 ** new 10th grade record (Okike '96 40'9 $\frac{1}{4}$ ")

TOTAL TEAM POINTS

TEAM STANDINGS

PHILLIPS ACADEMY TRACK — MEET RESULTS June.

re: MAY 9th 98

vs.: Loomis Chagsee

B/G: Boys

	1 st Place — 5pts.			2 nd Place — 3pts.			3 rd Place — 1pt.					
EVENT	COMPETITOR	Team	FOI Height	COMPETITOR	Team	FOI	COMPETITOR	Team	FOI	P.A.	LC	
Shot	Justice	L	46'1"	Rice	L	43'4"	Longley	L	42'6"	0	9	
Long J.	Okike	P	20'4"	Pridville	L	20'0"	Sanders	P	19'10"	6	3	
4x100		L	44.7	Veccola, Thompson Sauders, Brown	P	46.5				0	5	
1500	Phillips	P	4:23.1	Brooks	L	4:28.4	Zick Thompson	L	4:31.6	5	4	
110 H	Lawrence	L	16.3	Lasater	P	17.9	Helgrich	L	19.2	3	6	
400	Smith	L	50.0	Williams	P	50.0	Okike	P	52.9	4	5	
100	Brown	P	11.6	Nduom, E	L	11.6	Nutantas	L	11.7	5	4	
Discus	Price	L	114'11"	Thompson	L	113'7"	Justice	L	104'4"	0	9	
800	Dinneen	P	2:01.6	Maletz	P	2:02.5	Friedman	P	2:02.7	9	0	
300 H	Lawrence	L	41.9	Helgrich	L	43.6	Lasater	P	44.6	1	8	
200	Smith	L	22.8	Brown	P	23.7	Nutantas	L	23.9	3	6	
High J.	Kelsey	L	5'8"	Heron	L	5'8"	Sanders	P	5'2"	1	8	
Triple J.	Okike	P	41'4"	Prenan	P	39'7"	Pridville	L	38'3"	8	1	
Javelin	Pridville	L	140'6"	Price	L	137'0"	Justice	L	135'6"	0	9	
3000m	Lazarek	L	9:36.6	Doss	L	9:47.0	Thal	L	9:51.2	0	9	
4x400m	Dinneen, Friedman Kehlarsch, Maletz	P	3:47.4		L	4:10.9				5	50	
No Pole Vault — Rain/Wind												
TOTAL TEAM POINTS										50	86	
TEAM STANDINGS										2 nd	1 st	



Ben Phillips '01 has broken and rebroken the ninth grade distance records.

Photo / L. Hoopes

Boys' Track Beaten by Loomis; Distance Runners Compete Well While Team Falters in the Field

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Loomis	86
Andover	50



On Saturday, the boys' track team lost to a talented Loomis-Chaffee squad, best known for its sprinters, most of whom are post-graduates. The boys struggled in the field events, failing to place in the javelin, shotput and discus.

The Andover sprinters and jumpers managed to place in all of the events, looking to captain Nnamdi Okike '98 and Collin Dinneen '99 for leadership; however, Loomis was insurmountable.

Ben Phillips '01 broke the freshman record for the 1500m for the tenth time this season. The boys are always able to depend on Phillips to yield excellent times.

He ran without the aid of stand-out John Friedman '98, who took the day off in the 1500m, for the first time this season. Ben ran well in the first lap, gaining a 10 meter lead late in the first 400m; from then on, he never looked back.

At one point, though, a Loomis

runner attempted to steal the lead, but Phillips, equal to the task, was able to sustain his advantage, netting yet another best time for the record books.

Collin Dinneen overcame a few frustrating performances earlier in the season to dominate his high caliber race in the 800m on Saturday. Early in the competition, Dinneen earned the lead by running a 59 second first lap, an excellent time for a distance runner. Midway through the race, he lost his lead to a talented Loomis speedster. This would not fade Dinneen, who, by lengthening his stride, was able to pass his opponent on the final 100m for the victory.

The sprinting squad had a difficult day, winning only two events: the four by four hundred, and the 100m. The four by four hundred meter race was won easily by an embarrassing 20 seconds by the usual long distance runners: Friedman '98, Dinneen '99, Kehlenbeck '01, and Maletz '98. Lewis Brown won the 100m race by a shoe-string, a judgement call that went in Andover's favor.

The jumping events were good on Saturday with the help of Okike's two winning finishes in the triple and long jump. He has been continually one of

the most consistent members in both field and sprinting events to date. Andover will look to his talent and leadership to propel it in the upcoming Interschols this Saturday.

BOYS' TRACK

LOOMIS 86, ANDOVER 50

Event	Name	Result	Place
Shot Put	DNP	DNP	DNP
Javelin	DNP	DNP	DNP
Discus	DNP	DNP	DNP
Long Jump	Okike Suanders	20'4.25" 19'10.75"	1 3
High Jump	Suanders	5'2"	3
Triple Jump	Okike Preman	41'4.5" 39'7.25"	1 2
100m	Brown	11.6s	1
110m Hurdles	Lasater	17.9s	2
200m	Brown	23.7s	2
300m Hurdles	Lasater	44.6s	3
400m	Williams Okike	50.0s 52.9s	2 3
800m	Dinneen Maletz Friedman	2:01.6 2:02.5 2:02.7	1 2 3
1500m	Phillips	4:23.1	1
3000m	DNP	DNP	DNP
4x100m Relay	Andover	46.5s	2
4x400 Relay	Andover	3:47.7	1

Boys' Track Nips AHS

by Austin Arensburg
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Andover 75
AHS 70



Last Saturday, the boys' track team won its meet at home with a gritty performance, downing Andover High 75-70. As a result of the windy conditions, many of the meet times were slower than usual. However the Big Blue persisted, turning out clutch performances and coming away with many wins in the field and distance events.

Ben Phillips '01 was once again broke his last freshmen record in the 3KM with an astonishing time, 15 seconds faster than his previous performance. Phillips has been a strong contributor this year in the long distance events, proving himself to be a hopeful national competitor in the upcoming years.

John Friedman '98 easily won the 1500m, finishing under 4:10, fifteen seconds ahead of his closest competitor. Remarkable from the start, Friedman led the small pack of runners out on a strong first three laps. He then furthered his lead with a final kick in the last four to six hundred meters in a textbook style win of negative splits and a long, fast ending pace.

However he was unable to recover between races and unfortunately missed his mark on the 800m, finishing just mere seconds behind the leader.

Veteran long distance runner and next years' cross country captain Collin Dinneen '99 also ran well on Saturday. He said of his performance in the upcoming meet: "Despite my mediocre performance on Saturday, I will prevail with my 'I am number one

hat'."

The sprinting squad was again prevalent in the meet, providing the team with the needed points for the win. Nnamdi Okike '98, running without wind aid, once again led the team in a great 400m. His 51 second performance is making some team-members predict his breaking the 50 second mark some time this season.

Beau Williams '98 also ran exceptionally well, placing first in the

200m in a blazing 23 second time. His high caliber running will provide him with a good lead-way into Interschols later on this year.

Both the four by four hundred meter relay and the four by one hundred relay were won by Big Blue on Saturday as they burned past Andover High in one of the final races of the meet.

The field events proved to be increasingly more competitive for PA,

as they had many competitors that were at the same if not a higher level. Nevertheless, Okike won the long and triple jump.

Williams stole the high jump from Andover High with an impressive 6'0". And John Costantino '99 was able to grab third place against very tough javelin competition, rounding out a Saturday meet that PA was able to live up to and win.



Colin Dinneen '99, pictured here, is an integral part of Andover's success in the distance events

Photo / L. Hoopes

BOYS' TRACK

ANDOVER 75, AHS 70

Event	Name	Result	Place
Shot Put	Williamson	41'6"	2
	Mangan	40'6"	3
Javelin	Haskell	134'2"	2
	Constantino	131'5"	3
Discus	Williamson	105'	2
	Ross-Harrington	97'11.5"	3
Long Jump	Okike	20'7.25"	1
	Premam	19'9.75"	2
High Jump	Williams	6'	1
Triple Jump	Okike	44'8.5"	1
	Premam	41'3.25"	2
Pole Vault	DNP	DNP	DNP
100m	Brown	12.1s	3
110m Hurdles	Lasater	16.9s	3
200m	Williams	23.4s	1
	Voccola	25.0s	3
300m Hurdles	Lasater	44.0s	2
400m	Okike	51.1s	1
	Maletz	52.0s	2
800m	Friedman	2:06.3	2
1500m	Friedman	4:08.6	1
3000m	Phillips	9:28.1	1
4x100m Relay	Andover	45.2s	1
4x400 Relay	Andover	3:28.2	1



The boys' track team won the New England Prep School Interschols at home this past Saturday. The decisive win over a very competitive field of opponents was highlighted by the tremendous performance of captain Nnamdi Okike '98. Even the day's oppressive heat could not prevent the boys from avenging a narrow loss to Northfield Mount Hermon at last year's Interschols.

Okike was dominant on Saturday, winning the Long Jump and Triple Jump and running the first leg of the 4x400M Relay team, which also consists of Beau Williams '98, Drew Maletz '98, and Colin Dinneen '99. He also placed fourth in the open 400M. All told, Okike scored 26.5 points for the team, outscoring the entire Exeter squad by a point and a half. For his outstanding performances, Okike was awarded Interschols MVP.

Williams also performed excellently on Saturday. He won the 400M, tied for second in the High Jump, and ran

on the 4x100M and 4x400M Relays, both of which captured first place.

The long distance squad ran well on Saturday with strong performances from both John Friedman '98 and freshman record breaker Ben Phillips '01. Friedman placed in two events, winning the 3K in 8:52:75. He was also able to place fourth in the 1500M, despite the fact that he had not planned to double until a few minutes before the 1500M.

Phillips once again ran well in the 3KM. Phillips once again broke the team's freshman 3K record.

Many others turned in excellent performances. Bryan Saunders '99 took second in the Long Jump, setting a new eleventh grade record with a jump of 21'08.25. Maletz ran well in the 800M, taking fourth place. Lewis Brown '99 placed fifth in the 100M Dash. Kam Lasater '99 took fifth in the 110M High Hurdles and sixth in the 300M Hurdles. Trum Haskell '99 placed sixth in the Javelin Throw. Kyle Preman '00 took sixth in the Triple Jump, setting a new 10th grade record at 42'07.00.

Despite excellent individual performances, it was perhaps the 4x100M

Relay team which provided the day's greatest excitement. After a season in which the talented team had consistently underperformed, the relay team, which consists of Justin Voccola '99, Williams, Saunders, and Brown, was seeded eighth going into its heat. The squad overcame all expectations and blew past its opponents. At the relay's end, Andover's team, which had been seeded last in its heat, had won by a margin of several meters and nearly set a new school record.

After the long meet at Andover came to a close, the final scores of the meet were Andover: 96, Loomis Chafee: 87, Choate Rosemary Hall: 79, Avon Old Farms: 63, Deerfield: 48, NMH: 44, Taft: 28, St. Pauls: 26, Exeter: 25, Hotchkiss: 11, Milton: 6. Coming off a less than spectacular regular season, Andover had more success than expected. The surprising results depict the excellent coaching the team counted on and the great perseverance of the team.

Andover hosts Exeter tomorrow in the last meet of the season, hoping to follow up this great performance at Interschols.

PHILLIPS ACADEMY TRACK — MEET RESULTS

re: May 23rd 98

vs.:

Exeter

B/G: Varsity

EVENT	1 st Place — 5pts.			2 nd Place — 3pts.			3 rd Place — 1pt.			P.A.	P.C.
	COMPETITOR	Team	FOH	COMPETITOR	Team	FOH	COMPETITOR	Team	FOH		
Shot Put	Wilson	E	45'10"	Williamson	A	42'5"	Johnson	E	41'1"	3	6
Long Jump	McPherson	E	21'6"	Okike	A	21'6"	Saunders	A	21'1/2"	4	5
4 x 100	Vocals, Williams, Saunders, Brown, Andover	A	43.7	Exeter	E	43.9				5	0
1500	Friedman	A	4:11.9	Moore	E	4:14.6	Kaczmarek	E	4:19.1	5	4
110m Hurdles	Baron	E	15.9	McPherson	E	16.2	Lasater	A	16.3	1	8
400	Okike	A	51.0	Malerz	A	52.6	Azam	E	54.3	8	1
100	Brown	A	11.0	Villar	E	11.0	Williams	A	11.0	6	3
Pole Vault	Jungbacker	A	9'6"	Tucker, McPherson	E	8'				5	4
Discus	Johnson	E	116'10 1/2"	Wilson	E	115' 1/2"	Fall	A	109'8"	1	8
800	Friedman	A	2:07.9	Kaczmarek	E	2:09.0	Malerz	A	2:18.0	6	3
High Jump	Williams	A	5'10"	McPherson	E	5'8"	Lasater	A	5'6"	6	3
300 Hurdles	McPherson	E	41.4	Lasater	A	42.2	Baron	E	42.5	3	6
Triple Jump	Okike	A	45'26"	Saunders	A	43'13/4"	McPherson	E	42'2 1/2"	8	1
200	Williams	A	22.6	Villar	E	22.8	Brown	A	23.1	6	3
Jardin	Haskell	A	154'	Costantino	A	139'4"	Wilson	E	123'6"	8	1
3000	Friedman	A	9:27.9	Moore	E	9:32.1	Phillips	A	9:51.5	6	3
4 x 400	Okike, Friedman, Malerz, Andover	A	3:31.8	Exeter	E	3:33.2				5	0
										86	59

* Grade Record P. Friedman (89) 11:41

TOTAL TEAM POINTS 86 59

TEAM STANDINGS 1 2



John Friedman '98

John Friedman is an amazing athlete in the truest sense of the word."

KURT SPRING '98
Winter Track Captain

6/7

by Gilman Barnollar
PHILIPPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Track and cross-country runners, more than most other athletes, succeed based on how hard they train and how much they persevere, rather than on their natural talent or athleticism. With this in mind, it is no wonder that John Friedman '98 has earned an "Athlete of the Year" award after being a vital member of Andover's track and cross-country teams since he arrived here as a new lower. With a total of six track and cross-country New England Championships at Andover since Friedman arrived, and with multiple school records shattered since he first began running around the Great Quad as a lower, Friedman has clearly contributed to not only his teams but also his school.

Raised in Cambridge, Massachusetts since the age of five, Friedman first began running occasionally with his father while in junior high. It was at BB&N, his first high school, that Friedman really began his running career. Ranked first on what he described as a "pretty bad" team as a freshman, he began to train daily to improve his running.

Eager to continue running after his fall term, Friedman was dismayed to learn that BB&N had no track team. Undaunted, he became a runner with local Summerville High School that spring to continue his training. After his freshman year at BB&N, John sought to expand his opportunities by attending a relatively large residential prep school, and found Phillips Academy to be the place for him.

Though many new students at Andover have trouble dealing with the tough academics and the often distracting boarding life of Andover, Friedman was not such a person. Placed in Stuart, he was welcomed by house counselor and track coach John Stableford, who helped him adjust quickly to his new environment. He immediately set about achieving academic excellence, earning an amazing six average his entire lower year, and enjoying his courses, particularly Mr. Richards' European history class.

Not only that, but he continued his commitment to running, joining cross-country in the fall, indoor track in the winter and outdoor track in the spring. He quickly established himself as a contributor on the cross-country team, becoming the third best runner on a team that won Interschols. He credits fellow runners Ted Gillet and Darren Dineen, Andover's five kilometer record holder, with introducing him to the proper ways to train and prepare for meets.

He followed up his cross-country success by becoming the Blue's second best runner in the indoor two-mile and third best in the outdoor 3000 meter events, helping the team to win Interschols both terms. It was during his first year here that Friedman set the Andover lower records in the two-mile



and 3000 meter events.

As an upper, Friedman returned to Andover ready to assume the role of a dominating presence on the cross-country team. He assumed the number one spot on the cross-country team in the fall, and together with post-graduates Nate Jutras and Pat Rowe he was a vital member of a track team that finished first in New England. It was as an upper that John's running truly took off, as he set the upper records in the two mile and 3000 meter races, and went to the Prep School National Tournament, where he finished 18th in the nation.

Not only were Friedman's running accomplishments increasing exponentially, but his skill and leadership in cross-country were rewarded by his teammates, who elected him, together with Nnamdi Okike '98, co-captain of the 1997 team.

Returning for his last season with the track and cross-country teams, Friedman started the year with a bang. During the cross-country season, Friedman posted what may have been his greatest accomplishment at Andover. Though he didn't break the record, his five-kilometer finish of 15:51 was a mere two seconds from the amazing school record set by Darren Dineen two years earlier.

Unfortunately, his great 15:51 time was one of his last of the season, and he didn't have another real shot at breaking Dineen's now narrowly-held record. Friedman didn't dwell on this near-record, though, as he entered the track season with just as much determination, setting the school record of 9:21 in the two-mile, and placing tenth at Nationals.

Continuing the success it has always seen with Friedman running, the track team won Interschols yet again. Ignoring the temptation to slack off during his senior spring, Friedman continued his strong running, setting the Andover-Exeter meet record of 8:49 in the 3000 meter.

With all these accomplishments in mind, it leads one to wonder how John Friedman has done it. Pure determination and hard training are his methods, as he does tough interval training every other day and takes long slow runs on the "easy" days. In fact, Friedman estimates that he runs 55 miles a week during the cross-country season, and "only" 40 miles a week during track. This kind of tough training gives Friedman the kind of endurance to not only dominate distance events like the two-mile, but also to compete in multiple events with skill, as he did in this term's Andover-Exeter race, running the 800 meter, 1500 meter, 3000 meter, and 4x4 relay, all of which he ran with success for the Blue.

With such determination, it is no wonder that Friedman is a nationally ranked runner and is clearly Andover's best. Next year he will matriculate at Harvard, where he hopes to continue the running he has so successfully done for Andover. Regardless of what he does in the future, Friedman's legacy will always be that of a great distance runner; in the words of winter track captain Kurt Spring, "John Friedman is an amazing athlete in the truest sense of the word. His dedication and determination to both the track and cross-country programs have led both teams to outstanding Interschol finishes."





Nnamdi Okike '98

by Charles B. Finch III
PHILIPPIAN SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

Excellent athletes pass through Andover, often just for one year; they seem to come simply for the time of day that lasts from three to five. That these individuals are invariably the dominant players on the field makes it all the more satisfying to come across an athlete like Nnamdi Okike '98. Okike is a great athlete by any standard, excelling in three completely different sports, but the four-year senior is also known as intelligent, amiable, and generous. In short, he has been an Andover institution for the last four years, both on and off the playing fields.

Okike was born in Worcester, Mass, but has lived in Boylston for his entire life. From a young age, sports were important to him. At the Bancroft School, a small private school Nnamdi attended for eight years, he played almost every sport the school offered its students, including soccer, tennis, basketball, cross-country, and lacrosse.

After coming to Andover, Nnamdi settled on cross-country in the fall, basketball in the winter, and track in the spring. Sports, along with the academic rigorousness of Bancroft, helped Nnamdi to acclimate himself to a new atmosphere. Nnamdi remembers JV II basketball with special fondness; "That was definitely a growing year," he says.

Immediately, Nnamdi distinguished himself in tracks. He competed in the high jump, the triple jump, and the four hundred meter run. Track was his only Varsity sport lower year. He explains, "A lot of people assume cross-country and track are similar; in fact, I'm much better at track, not at the long distances of Cross Country. I like Cross Country a lot, but I'm not as good at it. I've always treated it as a summer warmup."

Easing into Andover life, Nnamdi's lower year marked the beginning of his experience on the varsity basketball team. "I mostly learned that year from older guys, like Hugh Quattlebaum '96, [brother] Kanu [Okike '97], and Coach Leon Modeste." The latter two in particular influenced the youngster. He says, "I didn't get much playing time. But Coach Mo taught me a lot about competitiveness, which is the biggest difference between middle school and high school basketball." Kanu helped him to play the role of big man, and returning as an upper with his brother as captain, Nnamdi was primed to break out. He scored more than ten points a game and

pulled down ten boards a game at Center. Elected as this year's captain, he led the team through its long season of ups and downs.

Of being captain, Okike commented, "It's pretty fun. It's also more important on a team sport like basketball, where you're the guy who has to say something in the middle of a bad game. Plus, you need to lead by example on the floor."

Nnamdi's ascent on the track team has been different, though no less distinguished. He was dominant from the beginning in that sport, using his 6'8" frame to excel in the jumping events. The culmination of his success came this year, when the team won Interschols and Nnamdi was awarded Interschols' Most Valuable Player award.

Nnamdi recalls a similarly gratifying win with the cross-country team last fall; the team won interschols for the second year in a row, led by John Friedman '98, Nnamdi's co-captain this year, Nate Jutras '97, and Nnamdi. In the race, Nnamdi ran about 16:50,

Next year, at Harvard, Nnamdi is looking forward to hitting the books again. Even though this term is a nice respite for him, he wants to take advantage of Harvard's facilities. He also wants to participate in basketball and track, and will make an effort over the summer to improve in the former, which he considers the weaker of his two sports. He plans to drop Cross Country.

On his athletic career at Andover, Nnamdi states, "The atmosphere created by Coach Mo in the athletic department is great. The school really supports the program, without stressing it so that it becomes competitive inside the school. It's great, the way Andover does it."

He is slightly wistful about the ending of his time at Phillips Academy; he thinks it sad, but will carry some of "the memories that I'm fondest of in my life with me. Still, it's definitely good to move on, and I'm looking forward to new experiences, and academic and athletic challenges.



his best time ever.

Another highlight, according to the senior, is winning the New England basketball championship in 1996. All of these accomplishments, however, comprise only a fraction of the memories Nnamdi will take from Andover. "I've made some of the best friends of my life here—Kyle O'Brien '98 and Peter Karlen '98 are headed to Harvard with me, and Tony Dent '98 has also been a great friend from the dorm." He also cites as one of his good friends Ken Mori '98, who we saw outside the library. "Ken's a great guy and a great friend...even if he's a little angry right now."

Everything's open."

The impression I got while hanging out with Nnamdi was not that he was a great athlete, though he is, or a great student, though he is also that.

Rather, I just can't shake my lasting impression of him as just a cool, normal kid - personable, successful, and prepared to meet the world. Everything that Andover aims to induce in its pupils - goodness, strength, intelligence - has somehow been instilled in Nnamdi. An athlete of the highest order, he deserves to win the Athlete of the Year award; as a person, he deserves to win it even more.

Boys' Track Stuns New England at Interschols

6/7

by Austin Arensberg
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



BOYS' TRACK

Led by a solid core of returners and a talented group of newcomers, the boys' track team ended its season on a great note, shocking New England by placing first at Interschols and hammering Exeter in the last meet of the season. Veteran runners John Friedman '98 and Captain Nnamdi Okike '98 led the Blue throughout the season, especially at Interschols, where Okike outscored the whole Exeter team by himself. The strength of new runners old and young alike stretching from junior phenom Ben Phillips '01 to PG Beau Williams '98 gave the team extra depth.

With Okike and Williams both running near sub 50 second 400M Andover outscored nearly every other team's sprinters in every meet. This talented group of sprinters, combined with Friedman in the distance events, made for very successful results from Andover's runners throughout the season.

Tewksbury

In one of the team's early meets, it beat Tewksbury, a local public school, by eight points. Captain Nnamdi Okike, who won all three of his events including the 400m and the triple and long jump, was Andover's high scorer, starting the season on a great note. His 51 second time in the 400m was a great performance for only the second meet of the season. Without long distance extraordinaire, John Friedman, Ben Phillips was forced to step up for the long distance runners, placing second in the 1500m. Phillips' record breaking second place finish was only a hint of the ability he showed throughout the spring. Lewis Brown '99 ran a very competitive 100m sprint, winning by a mere two tenths of a second. Senior runner Drew Maletz ran his first 800m of the season against Tewksbury's tough competition, pulling away from his competitor in the last 350m with a great leg kick. Maletz's consistent efforts were integral to the team's success this season. The early win against Tewksbury set the tone for a great year and built the team's confidence.

Interschols

Andover, the host of the 1998 Interscholastic tournament, gave the home crowd plenty to cheer about, surprising New England and winning the tournament. The dramatic win was highlighted by Nnamdi Okike's routinely spectacular performances in the field and on the track. Even the day's oppressive heat could not prevent the team from avenging a narrow loss to Northfield-Mount Hermon at last year's Interschols.

The four by four hundred relay team was dominant at the meet, with runners Williams, long distance runner Collin Dinneen '99 Maletz and Okike turning out a text-book performance with smooth hand-offs and a first place finish. Okike, in a great showing at the meet, scored 26.5 points, outscoring the entire Exeter squad by a point and a half.

For his outstanding performances at Interschols he was named Most Valuable Player. Williams also ran well at Interschols as he was a member of the first place winning 4x400 and 4x100 relay teams, and the winner of the 400m event, avenging his previous week's loss to a Loomis-Chaffee.

The long distance group could not have

picked a better time to finally run at the high level that had been expected of it all season. Friedman blew away all the competitors in his final 3km race at Andover winning the race in 8:52:75.

Moments before the 1500m race, Friedman was called upon to run for Andover and although cold and tired, still placed fourth. Ben Phillips once again broke the freshmen record for the 3km in a surprising race following just behind teammate Friedman.

The most exciting race of the day was the 4x100m relay. Consistently an underachieving squad, the boys overcame the eighth lane position and won the race rather convincingly. By

surprising everyone at the meet, the boys, amidst almost setting a new school record, put Andover in the driver's seat for first place and ultimately led to the team's overall victory.

The leadership of coach John Strudwick and its captain Nnamdi Okike was invaluable to the team's success all season.

This spring, the track team set new expectations, winning Interschols, which will be a challenging legacy to replicate next year as captain-elect Brian Saunders '99 and the track team will sorely miss this year's seniors.

BOYS' TRACK

INTERSCHOLS: ANDOVER 1st

Event	Name	Result	Place
Shot Put	AVON	52'10.75"	1
	Williamson	41'11.75"	11
	Mangan	40'11"	13
Javelin	LOOMIS	185'6"	1
	Haskell	148'8"	6
	Constantino	120'10"	12
Discus	AVON	144'5"	1
	Fall	121'1"	7
	Williamson	103'7"	16
Long Jump	Okike	22'4.75"	1
	Saunders	21'8.25"	2
High Jump	AVON	6'4"	1
	Williams	6'2"	2
	Saunders	5'6"	15
Triple Jump	Okike	45'1.5"	1
	Premar	42'7"	6
Pole Vault	DEERFIELD	14'7"	1
	Lasater	10'	7
	Jungbacker	10'	7
100m	AVON	11.14s	1
	Brown	11.77s	5
110m Hurdles	LOOMIS	15.75s	1
	Lasater	16.42s	5
200m	AVON	22.83s	1
	DNP	DNP	DNP
300m Hurdles	LOOMIS	41.35s	1
	Lasater	42.13s	6
	Adame	48.19s	16
400m	Williams	49.31s	1
	Okike	50.55s	2
800m	CHOATE	1:56.18	1
	Maletz	1:58.19	4
	Dinneen	2:06.18	11
1500m	CHOATE	3:59.22	1
	Friedman	4:03.6	4
	Hamilton	4:28.05	12
3000m	Friedman	8:52.75	1
	Phillips	9:20.09	5
4x100m Relay	Andover	43.69s	1
4x400 Relay	Andover	3:22.87	1

SPORT: GIRLS TRACK

YEAR: 1997-98

CAPTAIN: HANNAH COLE

HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:

HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: JOHN STRUDWICK

ASSISTANT COACHES:

SEASON RECORD

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3rd at Intersch.

LETTER WINNERS

Track & Field -GV
Abbott, Anne S.
Ackerman, Avra G.
Akade, Aimioncoizomo O.
Avery, Taliser R.
Burt, Lindsay C.
Cole, Hannah J. (c)
Dawson, Cheryl Y. (m)
Dundas, Deysia L.
Greene, Lucy K.
Husbands, Sharon N.
Isenburg, Jocelyn S.
Jay, Allison M.
McJunkin, Jennifer C.
Menocal, Harriet P.
Mitchell, Jasmine M.
O'Donoghue, Beibhinn M.
O'Hern, Julia E.
Prah, Meagan M.
Smith, Heather E.
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GIRLS TRACK & FIELD - 1997-98

			PA	OPP
Sat., Apr. 11	Deerfield/Taft	A	84	30.5/61.5
Fri., Apr. 16	Reading High	H	canceled	
Wed., Apr. 22	Tewksbury	H		
Sat., Apr. 25	NMH/Milton	H	89	58/37
Sat., May 2	Andover High	H	88	57
Wed., May 6	Cushing/Central	H	canceled	
Sat., May 9	Loomis Chaffee	H	100	36
Sat., May 16	Interschols	H	4th place	
Sat., May 23	Exeter	H	65	80

Repeat Definitely within Reach for Girls' Track Team

by Anne Abbott

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



As defending 1997 New England Champions, the girls' track team has a lot to look

forward to in the spring season. With many spring and winter track returners and newcomers, the team should be a successful one. The talent in both the field and track events looks promising. Captain Hannah Cole '98 had a great indoor season and is looking forward to an even more successful spring campaign. Jumpers Heather

Smith '98 and Christina Richardson '98 will lead the jumpers in their events and indoor captain Tali Avery '98, currently holding the school record, will undoubtedly fair very well in pole-vaulting. After his winter term hiatus, John Strudwick is ready to coach yet another track season and is confident that given the heart and talent of this year's team, the girls have a realistic shot at repeating as New England Champions.

Sharon Husbands '98, Megan Prawl '98, Momo Akade '00, Deysia Dundas '00, and Amelia Stoj '98 should be excited to run with newcomers Lindsay Burt '99 and Jocelyn Isen-

burg '98 this season. Lucy Greene '00 and Shevon Rockett '99 are looking forward to their hurdling events. Distance runners Ali Jay '98, Happy Menocal '98 and Beibhinn O'Donoghue '99 are ready to lead the distance pack this spring. After a great indoor season, Deb Vinton '98 is expected to excel in the 3K race.

Girls track should have a great spring season and all its members are eager for the regular meets to begin. This season, with Andover trying to repeat as champions, the veterans should lead the way with the speedy newcomers injecting energy into the team.

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HILLIPS ACADEMY TRACK - JUVENILE RESULTS

Apr 11th 1998 vs Deeryfield vs. Taft BKG

VENT	1 st PLACE - 5pts			2 nd PLACE - 3pts			3 rd PLACE - 2pts			4 th PLACE - 1pt			P.A.	D	T
	COMPETITOR	T	T/D/H	COMPETITOR	T	T/D/H	COMPETITOR	T	T/D/H	COMPETITOR	T	T/D/H			
DISCUS	COLE	P	110'3"	O'HERN	P	87'9"	JOLIS	D	81'10"	BROWN	T	78'3"	8	2	1
High J	McJUNKIN	P	4'8"	SICHER	T	4'6"	MANHEIM	P	4'4"	MISTRETTA	P	4'0"	8	-	3
H100	DUNDAS ISENBURG PRAHL ROCKETT	P	54.1		D	55.3							5	3	-
													21	5	4
1500	WOOD	T	5:10.3	BENSON	D	5:11.1	ABBOTT	P	5:23.2	MENDOCAL	P	5:27.5	3	3	5
100 H	KAWECKI	T	18.3	PRAHL	P	18.9	HUNTER	D	19.5	GREENE	P	19.7	4	2	5
SHOT	COLE	P	34'0"	BARRON	D	32'7 1/2"	O'HERN	P	32'0"	NOEL	T	30'0"	7	3	1
400	EIPER	D	62.8	AVERY	P	64.8	BURT	P	65.8	TIMMONS	T	66.6	5	5	1
POLE V.	AVERY	P	7'0"	DAWSON	D	5'6"	DIMARO	T	5'6"				5	3	2
100	ISENBURG	P	13.6	DUNDAS	P	13.7	PIACENZA	T	13.9	VARNER	D	13.9	8	1.5	1
800	MURPHY	T	2:23.6	UNDERMAN	T	2:31.6	ACKERMAN	P	2:33.1	O'DONOGHUE	P	2:36.5	3	-	8
300 H	GREENE	P	51.3	KAWECKI	T	52.4							5	-	3
200	ISENBURG	P	28.0	HUSBANDS	P	28.0	MEHTA	T	28.8	VARNER	D	29.3	61	22.5	3
3000	PERRIN	T	11:50.5	MITCHELL	P	11:59.8	MYGATT	D	12:03.0	JAY	P	12:23.4	8	1	2
JAV	PERRIN	T	82'2"	PERCARPIO	T	75'5"	KONOWITZ	D	73'2"	ROBINSON	P	71'4"	73	25.5	3
Long J	McJUNKIN	P	15'1"	LIU	T	13'11"	SMITH	P	13'9"	PIACENZA	T	13'6"	1	2	8
High J	KAWECKI	T	31'9"	ROSTAD	D	31'12"	ROBERTSON	T	30'7 1/2"	MEHTA	T	29'22"	7	-	4
400		T	4:22.6	GREENE AVERY ACKERMAN BURT	P	4:26.4							81	30.5	5
													3	-	5
													84	30.5	6

* New 9th grade record (Cole (95) 87'8")
 ** " " " " (Dime Kennard (85) 29'3 1/2")

TOTAL TEAM POINTS 84 30 1/2 62
 FINAL STANDINGS 1st 3rd 2nd

Score 5-3-07

Girls' Track Shows Championship Form in Season's First Competition

By Max Schorr
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS EDITOR

Andover	84
Taft	62.5
Deerfield	30.5



This past Saturday, girls' track and field won a tri-meet, defeating Deerfield and Taft

and opening its season with last year's championship form. The girls dominated the field events, boasting first place finishes in six of the seven events, and the sprints, winning the 100m, 4x100m, 200m and the 300m hurdles races. Andover's performance on Saturday shows that coach John Strudwick's team will contend for a repeat as Interscholastic Champions.

Led by captain Hannah Cole '98, Andover dominated the field events. Cole launched the shot put an amazing 34 feet and the discus an astounding 110 feet, taking first place in both, easily. Andover's jumpers outmatched those from Deerfield and Taft, winning three of the four events. New-

comer Jenny McJunkin '00 won both the long and high jump, and Taliser Avery '98 took care of business in the pole vault, bettering her nearest opponent by a foot and a half.

The sprinters gave Andover further control of the meet with strong performances from Jocelyn Isenburg '98, Desai Dundas '00, Sharon Husbands '98, Megan Pahl '98, Shevon Rockett '99 Lucy Greene '00, Avery, and Lindsay Burt '99. Isenburg won both the 100m and the 200m as the team cruised in the short events. Greene placed first in the 300m hurdles and the 4x100 relay team of Dundas, Isenburg, Pahl and Rockett also came out victorious for the Big Blue.

The girls had a tougher time in the distance events but Andover had developed enough of a lead to hold on and win. The final score, Andover 84, Taft 62.5-Deerfield 30.5. Now Andover girls' track looks to feed off of this solid win and hit its stride as the season begins to take its shape. Next Wednesday the girls face Tewksbury and they hope to match this week's performance.

GIRLS' TRACK

Top Finishers

Event	Name	Place
Shot Put	Cole	1
	O'Hern	3
Discus	Cole	1
	O'Hern	2
Long Jump	McJunkin	1
	Smith	3
High Jump	McJunkin	1
	Manheim	3
PoleVault	Avery	1
1500m	Abbott	3
100m Hurdles	Pahl	2
400m	Avery	2
	Burt	3
100m	Isenburg	1
	Dundas	2
800m	Ackerman	3
300m Hurdles	Greene	1
200m	Isenburg	1
	Husbands	1
3000m	Mitchell	2
Relays		
4x100m	Dundas Isenburg Pahl Rockett	1
4x400m	Greene Avery Ackerman Burt	2

PHILLIPS ACADEMY TRACK - MEET RESULTS

date April 25

vs NMH and Milton

B/G Girls

EVENT	1 st PLACE - 5pts			2 nd PLACE - 3pts			3 rd PLACE - 2pts			4 th PLACE - 1pt			P.A.	NMH	M
	COMPETITOR	T	T/D/H	COMPETITOR	T	T/D/H	COMPETITOR	T	T/D/H	COMPETITOR	T	T/D/H			
4x100 Meter	Dundas, Isenberg Pohl Akade			Milton			NMH						5	0	3
High Jump	Nutt-Birigwa	M	4'8"	Richardson	A	4'6"	McJunkin	A	4'6"	Symmonds	M	4'4"	5	0	6
Discus	Cole	A	115'8"	Steele	N	107'6"	Simmons	M	104'9"	Miller	N	102'	5	4	2
Pole Vault	Avery	A	8'6"	Russin	N	7'6"	Geidel	N	7'	Albrecht	N	6'6"	5	6	0
1500 Meter	O'Donoghue	A	5:13.7	Menocal	A	5:14.2	Abbot	A	5:17.5	McDonald	N	5:17.6	10	1	0
100m Hurdles	Cinelu	M	17.8	Pohl	A	18.1	Greene	A	18.7	Bliss	M		5	0	6
400 Meter	Isenberg	A	1:04.1	Avery	A	1:05.2	Kerner	M	1:05.4	Burt	A	1:06.7	9	0	2
Long Jump	Leung	N	15'9"	McJunkin	A	15'5"	Zelljadt	N	15'1/2"	Moore	M	14'4"	3	7	1
100 Meter	Akade	A	12.7	Wendell	M	12.8	Nutt-Birigwa	M	13.1	Crosby	N	13.2	5	1	5
Shot Put	Cole	A	32'11"	Steele	N	32'3"	O'Hern	A	30'7"	Ndubisi	N	29'2"	7	4	0
800 Meter	Grinsted	M	2:27.9	Ackerman	A	2:33.6	Sims	M	2:36.3	Tepel	N	2:38.3	3	1	7
300m Hurdles	Greene	A	51.1	Cinely	M	51.1	Steele	N	51.8	Pohl	A	53.4	6	2	3
200 Meter	Wendell	M	27.3	Isenberg	A	27.6	Dundas	A	27.6	Husbands	A	28.0	6	0	5
Triple Jump	Zelljadt	M	32'1/2"	Moore	M	30'5 3/4"	Albrecht	N	29'4 1/2"	Immler	N	29'5"	0	8	3
3000 Meter	Grinsted	M	10:14.28	Jay	A	11:37.6	Mitchell	A	11:39.5	Hines	M	11:53.0	5	0	6
Javelin	Symmonds	M	26'7"	Cole	A	24'9"	Russin	N	26'2"	Yuen	N	22'2"	3	3	5
4x400 Meter	Isenberg, Husbands Pohl, Burt, Dundas			Milton			NMH						5	0	3

** equals own school record

* new lower record

TOTAL TEAM POINTS	89	37	58
FINAL STANDINGS	1	3	2

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Girls' Track Tramples

Andover High

By Dominique Hendelman & Rowan Riley

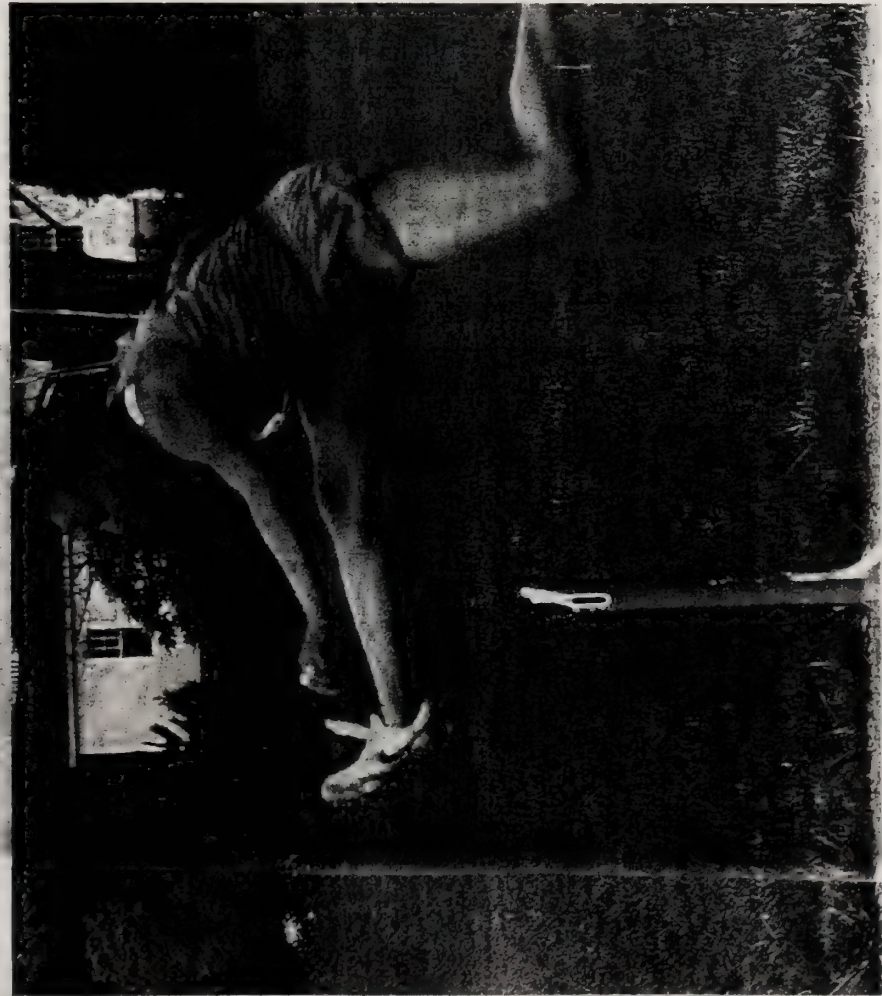
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Andover
AHS
88
57



This Saturday, the girls in the blue daisies had a convincing victory against Andover High. So far the girls have had quite an impressive season, winning all their meets save a fluke against Tewksbury and this weekend the Blue steamrolled over Andover High by 30 points.

Unfazed by the torrential down pour, the team even broke several records, winning 88-57. Co-captain Taliser Avery '98 broke her previous 8ft. 6 inch school record for pole vault with an astounding 9ft. The unstoppable Jenny McLunkin broke the 10th grade record for high jump, hurling herself five feet in the air. Henceforth, Jenny McLunkin '00 who is now known as Jenny McLumpin'. McLunkin didn't stop there though, she went on to long jump where she finished first place with a 15' 6" jump. Lucy Greene '00 had a productive day, jumping over the 110m hurdles like a school girl, bounding home to watch square one. Greene' was certainly in the sky with diamonds with a 17.9 second time, shattered the previous 10th grade record of 18.27. Other impressive first place victories were Lindsey Burt '99 with a stellar 103.3 time on the 400m, and Momo Akade '00 who won the 100m with a time of 13 seconds, Akade's, in her second year on



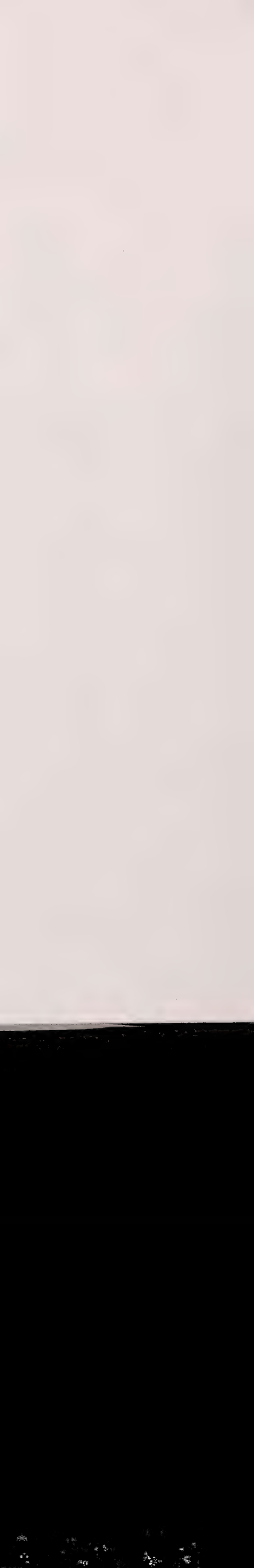
Megan Prah '98, shown here hurdling, helped the Big Blue to its convincing victory over Andover High

Photo / L. Hoopes

varsity track, has been looking good so far this season. Deysia Dundas '00, also finished first place in the 200m with a time of 28 seconds. Hannah Cole took first place in shot put with a drop-jaw distance of 121' 5" and first place in discus with a dangerous distance of 32' 10".

When asked to remark on the teams performance Dr. Studwick had, this, and only this to say, "The team's performance was awesome."

GIRLS' TRACK			
ANDOVER '88, AHS '57			
Event	Name	Result	Place
Shot Put	Cole	32' 10"	1
	O'Hern	30' 6"	2
	Cross	28' 3"	3
Javelin	Cole	78' 1.5"	2
	Robinson	76' 7"	3
Discus	Cole	121' 5"	1
	O'Hern	91' 7.5"	2
Long Jump	McLunkin	15' 6.5"	1
High Jump	McLunkin	5'	1
Triple Jump	DNP	DNP	DNP
Pole Vault	Avery	9'	1
100m	Akade	13.0s	1
	Dundas	13.3s	2
110m Hurdles	Greene	17.9s	2
	Prah	17.9s	2
200m	Dundas	28.0s	1
	Akade	28.0s	1
300m Hurdles	Greene	49.1s	1
400m	Burt	1:03.3	1
	Hartman	1:03.7	2
800m	Ackerman	2:29.3	2
	O'Donoghue	2:32.3	3
1000m	Abbott	11:44.7	2
	Mitchell	11:46.7	3
4x100m Relay	Andover	51.8s	1
4x100 Relay	Andover	4:20.6	1



Girls' Track Tunes up for Interschols

By Dominique Hendelman & Rowan Riley
PHILLIPPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover 100
Loomis 36



GIRLS' TRACK

On Saturday, the ladies in blue crushed Loomis Chaffee by a score of 100 -36.

Everything seems to be coming up roses for the girls' track team so far this season. With Interschols coming up this weekend at home, the girls are so excited, they can barely keep their running shorts on. Anne Abbot '00 said "We're gonna win." This was followed by an enthusiastic, "yup" from Jenny McJumpin' '00.

Julia O'Hern '01 took first place in discus with an astounding 93'10" throw. Heather Smith '98 came in first in long jump after catapulting herself 15'2.5" in the air. Jenny McJumpin' proved herself worthy of her nickname once again, placing second in high jump with a mind-boggling height of 4'8".

In the running events, Happy Menocal '98 came in first in the 1500 meters, with a time of 5 minutes and 12.3 seconds. The whole team was more than happy about this victory.

Meghan Prahl '98 placed first in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 18.6 seconds. Momo Akade '00 took first place in the 100 meters, with a time of 13.5 seconds, beating Jocelyn Isenburg '98 by a mere second. Sharon Husbands '98 took home the bacon in the 400 meters with a sizzling time of 63.0 seconds.

In the 800 meters, Avra Ackerman '98 came in first with a time of 2 minutes and 28.4 seconds, beating Lindsay Burt '99 by 5 crucial seconds. Burt was quoted as saying, "I was ahead in the beginning, but then caught a glimpse of John Friedman's sexy legs in those binding running shorts and preceeded to swerve off of the track."

In the 200 meter, Deysia Dundas '00 placed first with a blink-and-you'll-miss-her time of 27.5 seconds. In closing, Dr. Strudwick had a few words of wisdom: "The girls are tuned-up for the interschols after their win over Loomis Chaffee and are cautiously optimistic about defending their title."

GIRLS' TRACK

ANDOVER 100, LOOMIS 36

Event	Name	Result	Place
Shot Put	O'Hern	30'	3
Javelin	DNP	DNP	DNP
Discus	O'Hern	93'10"	1
Long Jump	Smith	15'2.5"	1
	McJunkin	14'7.5"	2
High Jump	McJunkin	4'8"	2
	Richardson	4'4"	3
Triple Jump	Smith	29'2.5"	2
100m	Akade	13.5s	1
	Dundas	13.6s	2
	Hartsock	14.3s	3
110m Hurdles	Prahl	18.6s	1
	Rockett	19.3s	2
	Isch	21.1s	3
200m	Dundas	27.5s	1
	Isenburg	27.8s	2
300m Hurdles	Prahl	54.1s	1
	Rockett	56.9s	2
	Isch	62.2s	3
400m	Husbands	1:03.0	1
	Dundas	1:03.0	1
800m	Ackerman	2:28.4	1
	Burt	2:33.3	2
	McDonough	2:37.4	3
1000m	Jay	11:35.4	1
	Mitchell	11:35.7	2
4x100m Relay	Andover	52.2s	1
4x400m Relay	Andover	4:31.0	1

Girls' Track Falls Short

By 'Nique Hendelman & Rowan Riley
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS



This week the girls track team finished third at interschols.

The girls track team, this years defending champions, could not repeat last year's performanc. Throughout the years, interschols has always been the most rigorous track event for PA girls, this year proved to be no exception. With eleven other schools participating in this event, Andover's placement was quite impressive.

Andover kicked of the day with a "Damn good time" (as quoted by Lois Kim) of 50.96 in the 4X100 relay. The team consisted of Deysia Dundas '00, Jocelyn Isenburg '98, Meghan Prahl '98, and Momo Akade '00. Momo didn't stop there she dazzled and dashed her way into first place in the

100 meter with a quick time of 12.6 seconds. Dundas came in second in the 200 meter with an impressive time of 26.91 seconds. The 400 meter proved to be a bit of a disappointment.

Lindsey Burt '99 had only this to say about her time of 1 minute 2.44 seconds, "I was in the lead when suddenly I wet(dled) my running shorts." Another 6th place finish was Avra Ackerman in the 800 meter, with a time of 2 minutes and 26.87 seconds. She had this to say, "I love Phillips...Academy that is."

Next was the 1500 meter run, where Anne Abbot '00 placed 10th, with a time of 5 minutes and 11.56 seconds. Jasmine Mitchell '99 also had a 10th place finish in the 3000 meter, with a time of 11 minutes and 38.08 seconds. The hurdles proved tough competition with the other teams and an unjust ending to Lucy Greene's '00 strong season when her

opponent knocked over the last hurdle, blocking the track, causing confusion and ultimately taking Greene out of the race. Prahl came in 6th with a time of 17.86 seconds.

Jenny McJumpin' was at it again in the high jump, placing 3rd with a eye-opening height of 4' 10". Taliser Avery took home the gold in poll vault with a remarkable distance of 9' 07". This height set a new school record as well as a new NEPSAC record. McJumpin' set yet another 10th grade record in the long jump, hurling herself 16'2".

Hannah Cole placed second in both shot put and discus, breaking her previous school record in discus with a distance of 127'. Ann Abbott summed up the sentiments of the season by saying, "Everyone gave it their all and that's really all that counts." McJumpin' echoed this feeling with an energetic, "mmhmmm."



Tally Avery '98, shown here breaking a NEPSAC record height of 9' 7", helped the girls to a third place finish at this weekend's Interschols.

Photo / K. Mason

PHILLIPS ACADEMY TRACK — MEET RESULTS

re: May 2nd '98 vs. Andover H.S

B/G Girls

EVENT	1 st Place — 5pts.			2 nd Place — 3pts.			3 rd Place — 1pt.			P.A.	AHS
	COMPETITOR	Team	Time/Distance	COMPETITOR	Team	Time/Distance	COMPETITOR	Team	Time/Distance		
DISCUS	COLE	PA	121'5"	O'HERN	PA	93'7"	MILLS	AHS	86'9"	8	1
4x100m	PA	PA	51.8	AHS	PA	52.0				5	0
Pole Vault	T. AVERY	PA	*9'1"	K. McCumber	PA	7'	Conlon, C Marras, T	AHS	6'6"	5	4
High Jump	J. McJunkin	PA	**5'	L. Connors	AHS	4'10"	E. Phiel	AHS	4'10"	5	4
Girls 1500m	Blais	AHS	5:02.9	Munson	AHS	5:14.2	Jay	PA	4:52.0	1	8
100m Hurdles	Contos	AHS	16.2	Greene	PA	17.9	Prahl	PA	17.9	4	5
Shot Put	Cole	PA	32'10"	O'HERN	PA	30'6"	Cross	PA	28'3"	9	0
400m	Burt	PA	1:03.3	Hudanis	PA	1:03.7	Corey	AHS	1:03.9	8	1
Long Jump	McJunkin	PA	15'4"	Barron	AHS	15'5"	Pierce	AHS	14'11"	5	4
100m	AKade	PA	13.0	Dundas	PA	13.3	Mullane	AHS	13.5	8	1
800m	Blais	AHS	2:24.3	Ackerman	PA	2:29.3	O'Donnagill	PA	2:32.3	4	5
300m Hurdles	Greene	PA	44.1	Callahan-Higgins	AHS	50.8	Patel	AHS	52.0	5	4
Javelin	Mills	AHS	82'4"	Cole	PA	78'1"	Robinson	PA	72'7"	4	5
200m	Dundas	PA	28.0	AKade	PA	28.0	Ravens	AHS	28.3	8	1
3000m	Munson	AHS	11:31.6	Abbott	PA	11:44.7	Mitchell	PA	11:46.2	4	5
4x400m	PA		4:20.6	AHS		4:22.9				5	0
Triple Jump	Contos	AHS	34'7"	Landry	AHS	32'2"	Shu	AHS	31'0"	0	9

* new school record (Avery 9'7" 8'6")
 ** new 10th grade record (Thomas '90 + Pool '85 4'10")
 *** new 10th grade record (Burdette '89) 18.27

TOTAL TEAM POINTS 88 57

TEAM STANDINGS 1st 2nd

PHILLIPS ACADEMY TRACK — MEET RESULTS

re: May 9th '98

vs. Loomis - Chagge

B/G Girls

EVENT	1 st Place — 5pts.			2 nd Place — 3pts.			3 rd Place — 1pt.			P.A.	LC
	COMPETITOR	Team	Time/ Dist/ Height	COMPETITOR	Team	Time/ Dist/ Height	COMPETITOR	Team	Time/ Dist/ Height		
Discus	O'Hern	P	93'10"	Peabody	L	82'9"	Charles	L	77'2"	5/5	4/4
	Dundas, Iserburg									5/10	-/4
4x100	Prahl, Akade	P	52.2		L	54.2				4/14	5/9
High J.	Perry	L	4'10"	M ^c Junkin	P	4'8"	Richardson	P	4'4"	9/23	0/9
1500	Merocal	P	5:12.3	O'Donoghue	P	5:13.3	Abbott	P	5:16.1	9/32	0/9
100H	Prahl	P	18.6	Rockett	P	19.3	Isoh	P	21.3	8/40	1/10
Long J	Smith	P	15'2 1/2"	McJunkin	P	14'7 1/2"	Perry	L	14'4 1/2"	1/41	8/18
Shot	Charles	L	31'6"	Peabody	L	31'5 1/2"	O'Hern	P	30'0"	9/50	0/18
100	Akade	P	13.5	Iserburg	P	13.6	Hartsack	P	14.3	8/58	1/19
400	Husbards	P	63.0	Dundas	P	63.0	Nevenberg	L	63.5	9/67	0/19
800	Ackerman	P	2:28.4	Burt	P	2:33.4	McDonough	P	2:37.2	9/76	0/19
300H	Prahl	P	54.1	Rockett	P	56.9	Isoh	P	62.2	0/46	9/28
Javelin	Martin	L	102'0"	Peabody	L	98'7"	Harris	L	79'7"	8/84	1/25
200	Dundas	P	27.5	Iserburg	P	27.8	P. Frang	L	29.2	8/92	1/30
3000	Jay	P	11:35.4	Mitchell	P	11:35.7	Sigman	L	11:39.6	3/95	6/36
Triple J	Perry	L	31'9 1/2"	Smith	P	29'2 1/2"	D'Nebo	L	24'5"	5/100	0/36
4x400	Husbards, Caputo Ackerman, Dundas	P	4:31.0		L	4:36.0					
No Pole Vault — Rain + Wind											
TOTAL TEAM POINTS										100	36
TEAM STANDINGS										1 st	2 nd

B/G: Girls

EVENT	1 st Place - 5pts.			2 nd Place - 3pts.			3 rd Place - 1pt.			P.A.	P.T.
	COMPETITOR	Team	Time/Distance/Height	COMPETITOR	Team	Time/Distance/Height	COMPETITOR	Team	Time/Distance/Height		
High Jump	McJunkin	A	4'10"	Dean	E	4'8"	Lord	E	4'6"	5	4
Discus	Cole *	A	126'1"	Josephs	E	98'11 1/2"	Aiken	E	95'3 1/2"	15	4
Pole Vault	Avery **	A	8'	Williams	E	7'6"	Kini	E	6'	5	4
4x100	Dundas, Seaberg, Probst, McJunkin	A	50.8	Exeter	E	55.1				5	0
1500	Hampson	E	5:03.6	Meyerson	E	5:11.1	O'Donoghue	A	5:12.7	1	8
100M Hurdles	Timp	E	16.4	Greene	A	17.9	Lord	E	18.3	3	6
400	Timp	E	61.4	Burt	A	1:03.8	Avery	A	1:05.5	4	5
Shot Put	Aiken	E	35'3"	Joseph	E	34'4"	Cole	A	34'0"	1	8
Long Jump	Huegel *	E	17'11 1/2"	McJunkin ***	A	16'5"	Smith	A	15'3 1/4"	4	5
100	Akade	A	12.6	Huegel	E	12.8	Dundas	A	13.2	6	3
800	Hampson	E	2:23.5	Ackerman	A	2:27.2	Cleveland	E	2:29.0	3	6
300 Hurdles	Greene	A	50.7	Lord	E	51.1	Williams	E	54.0	5	4
200	Akade	A	26.8	Dundas	A	26.9	Timp	E	27.1	8	5
Javelin	Aiken	E	91'4"	Courchesne	E	83'9"	Cole	A	77'2"	1	8
3000	Hampson	E	11:26.5	Myerson	E	11:39.7	Mitchell	A	11:46.3	1	5
1600	Huegel	E	33'3 3/4"	McJunkin	A	31'9"	Detterman	E	30'8"	3	6
5	Greene, Avery, Andover	A	4:24.7	Exeter	E	4:41.2				5	0
	Dundas, Burt									6	5
<p>* AIE 2nd Place 16'10" (853)</p> <p>*** Grade Records McJunkin (98) 16'2.25"</p>											
TOTAL TEAM POINTS										65	80
TEAM STANDINGS										2	1



6-2 for Girls' Track

by Dominique Hendelman & Rowan Riley
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS



GIRLS' TRACK

When one thinks of a word to sum up this year's girls' track team one simple word comes to mind, spaghetti. The girls must have eaten a truckload of spaghetti before each race to rise to the level of performance that they did this spring. Although they had a couple losses this spring their wins outweighed their defeats. They ended the season with a record of 6-2 and also placed third in the Interschols.

Reflecting back on the events of this season, there were several highlights. Hannah Cole set a school record in discus of 127 ft. 8 inches at Interschols, Taliser Avery also set a record for pole vault with a height of 9 ft. 7 inches.

Finally Lucy Greene learned how to lace up those track shoes. Actually, Greene had quite a productive season with countless first place finishes in the hurdles and a season best of 17.9 in 100m hurdles. Lucy was quite happy

with her performance and commneted on the season, "It was a bittersweet season, but next year should be all sugar." Don't worry you're all Sweet 'n Low Lucy. The team had nine Interscholastic champions, they were: Momo Akade in the 100m; Taliser Avery in the pole vault (also NEPSTA record); and Deysia Dundas, Jocelyn Isenburg, Meagan Prael, and Momo Akade in the 4x100m relay. Momo had only this to say about her outstanding performance this season, "Big dogs are the ones with the bark, underdogs are the ones with the bite."

Now that everyone has run there daisy dukes off there's nothing left but letters, varsity letters that is, and the winners are: Anne Abbott, Avra Ackerman, Momo Akade (with the bite), Taliser Avery, Lindsay Burt, Hannah Cole (capt.), Cheryl Dawson (manager), Deysia Dundas, Lucy Greene, Sharon Husbands, Jocelyn Isenburg, Allie Jay, Jenny Mcjunkin, Happy Menocal, Jasmine Mitchell, Beibhinn O'Donoghue, Julia O'herm, Meagan Prael, and Heather Smith. Congrats ladies on a great season.

GIRLS' TRACK

INTERSCHOLS: ANDOVER 3rd

Event	Name	Result	Place
Shot Put	CHOATE	39'09"	1
	Cole	33'11.5"	2
	O'Hern	31'0.5"	11
Javelin	MILTON	115'8"	1
	Robinson	86'2"	9
Discus	ST. PAUL'S	128'4"	1
	Cole	127'8"	2
	O'Hern	89'8"	10
Long Jump	NMH	16'10.75"	1
	McJunkin	16'2.75"	5
	Smith	14'7.5"	11
High Jump	CHOATE	5'	1
	McJunkin	4'10"	3
	Richardson	4'6"	6
Triple Jump	LOOMIS	34'9.5"	1
	McJunkin	29'9.5"	12
	Smith	29'3.75"	13
Pole Vault	Avery	9'7"	1
100m	Akade	12.81s	1
	Isenburg	13.62s	4
100m Hurdles	EXETER	16.4s	1
	Prael	17.87s	9
	Rockett	19.59s	12
200m	HOTCHKISS	25.86s	1
	Dundas	26.91s	2
	Isenburg	27.42s	6
300m Hurdles	MILTON	48.56s	1
	Prael	52.42s	9
	Greene	53.72s	12
400m	HOTCHKISS	0:59.26	1
	Burt	1:02.44	6
	Husbands	1:07.14	14
800m	TAFT	2:23.10	1
	Ackerman	2:26.87	6
	O'Donoghue	2:30.03	9
1500m	EXETER	4:51.76	1
	Abbott	5:11.56	10
	Menocal	5:12.73	11
3000m	MILTON	10:46.12	1
	Mitchell	11:38.08	10
	Jay	11:58.68	15
4x100m Relay	Andover	50.96s	1
4x400 Relay	MILTON	4:12.64	1
	Andover	4:15.65	6



Taliser Avery '98 shatters the New England Pole vault record. Avery has enjoyed tremendous success with the track program during her career.

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Girls' Track Shuffles Over Competition, Finishing with an Impressive 9-2 Record

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GIRLS' TRACK

The girls' track team had a tremendously good season winning, developing new runners, and setting new school records. The team was led by captain Taliser Avery '98 in her fourth year of track, taking part in both sprinting events and the pole vault. The team's enthusiastic will to succeed was evident in all of the practices as it went through tough training regimes, both in the sprinting and long distance groups. The team had over eight meets, and three invitationals, making for a tough schedule. Despite tough meets and competition the team finished with a strong record of 9-2-0.

Veterans this year provided the leadership for a young team full of newcomers to the sport and to the team. Seniors, Erin Dougherty, Sharon Husbands, Taliser Avery, and Hannah Cole were just a few of the girls giving help to the new runners. With their support the team quickly established its threat to the competing teams. Strong showings in the first meets by Lucy Greene '00 and first year Andover runner Lindsay Burt '99 gave the team much needed points that eventually led to the teams beginning of the term wins. After a strong performance in the first meet Jocelyn Isenburg '98, she had to stop running because of an unfortunate injury. Even with injuries plaguing the team, it relied on the consistently strong finishes by Dougherty, Burt, Greene, and Deysia Dundas '00. These runners were constantly relied upon during "clutch" situations throughout the season. Anne Abbot's '00 running ability contributed in the long distance events including the mile, two mile, and 1000M. Breaking her records progressively during the season, and being very flexible as to what events she would run, Abbot provided the team with a runner who not only could place up top each meet but also could run many different races competitively.

Wheaton

The girls competed in a great meet near the end of the season against Wheaton, at Bowdoin college. The team placed high by performances from Allie Jay '98 who won her 800m with a decisive kick in the last twenty meters. The four by four hundred meter race found victory in a hard anchor by Burt in the last leg to overcome her competitor. The four by four hundred meter event was one of Andover's most successful relay teams in the winter. The relay team's devotion to the hard work in the practices and its ability to have quick, good hand-offs made it unstoppable for many of the meets. Even in a meet as large as Wheaton, the team could not make a strong impression on its competitors including Exeter for the remainder of the term.

Exeter

The unfortunate loss to Exeter in the last meet had no relevance to the amazing times that were seen on that Wednesday. Lindsay Burt performed one of her best races in the 600m in 1:33 easily giving her first place. Dougherty, again showed, despite sickness her presence in the field events, placing first against Exeter in the high jump. In a thrilling last race, Andover left victorious in the four by four hundred meter race. After a shaky start the Blue regained its lead and gave the baton off to Burt who increased the distance between Andover and Exeter, and won in a bittersweet moment.

With the leadership from head coach Nancy Lang, and long distance coach Jon Stableford, the team kept its competitive edge throughout the season, constantly improving personal bests and winning meets week after week. The team captains for next year are Shevon Rockett '99 and Lewis Brown '99. The girls' team finished the season strong and persisted in a great term of running and field events.

GIRLS' TRACK

ANDOVER 89, MILTON 58, NMH 37

Event	Name	Result	Place
Shot Put	Cole	32'11"	1
	O'Hern	30'7"	3
Javelin	Cole	87'9"	2
Discus	Cole	115'8"	1
Long Jump	McJunkin	15'5"	2
High Jump	McJunkin	4'6"	2
	Richardson	4'6"	2
Triple Jump	DNP	DNP	DNP
Pole Vault	Avery	8'6"	1
100m	Akade	12.7s	1
100m Hurdles	Prahl	18.1s	2
	Greene	18.7s	3
200m	Isenburg	27.6s	2
	Dundas	27.6s	2
	Husbands	28.0s	4
300m Hurdles	Greene	51.1s	1
	Prahl	53.4s	4
400m	Isenburg	1:04.1	1
	Avery	1:05.2	2
	Burt	1:06.7	4
800m	Akerman	2:33.6	2
1500m	Menocal	5:14.2	2
	Abbot	5:17.5	3
3000m	Jay	11:37.6	2
	Mitchell	11:39.5	3
4x100m Relay	Andover	51.7s	1
4x400 Relay	Andover	4:25.4	1



Happy Menocal '98, left, and Beibhinn O'Donoghue '99 aided the Blue in its victory

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Phillips Academy Outdoor Track -- 1998 Season Review

The **boys** team finished **6-1** (losing only to Loomis-Chaffee) and finished **1st. at Interschols** (avenging their defeat). The **girls** team finished **6-2** (losing only to State Class Champs Tewksbury and Exeter) and finished **3rd. at Interschols**. In addition, the boys JV finished 1-0 to continue their decade long unbeaten streak.

The team had 9 interscholastic champions.

For the boys: Nnamdi Okike in the long jump and the triple jump (Nnamdi was also named meet mvp); John Friedman in the 3000m; Beau Williams in the 400m; Justin Voccola, Beau Williams, Bryan Saunders, and Lewis Brown in the 4x100m relay; and Nnamdi Okike, Colin Dinneen, Drew Maletz, and Beau Williams in the 4x400m relay. For the girls: Momo Akade in the 100m; Taliser Avery in the pole vault (in a NEPSTA record 9' 7"); and Deysia Dundas, Jocelyn Isenburg, Meagan Pahl, and Momo Akade in the 4x100m relay.

There were 2 new school records set.

Hannah Cole in the girl's Discus (127ft. 8ins.)

Taliser Avery in the girl's Pole Vault (9ft. 7ins.)

There were 14 new class records established.

Ben Phillips (9th. grade 1500m) 4:23.0; (9th. grade 3000m) 9:20.09

David Thompson (ties 9th. grade 100m) 11.9

Alex Kehlenbeck (ties 9th. grade 200m) 24.1

Kyle Preman (10th. grade long jump) 20ft 8ins.; (10th. grade triple jump) 42ft. 7ins

Lewis Brown (11th. grade 100m) 11.0

Bryan Saunders (11th. grade long jump) 21ft. 8.25ins

Julia O'Hern (9th. grade shot put) 32ft; (9th. grade discus) 96ft. 3ins.

Jenny McJunkin (10th grade high jump) 5ft.; (10th. grade long jump) 16ft. 5ins

Momo Akade (10th. grade 100m) 12.81 [12.6]

Lucy Greene (10th grade 100m hurdles) 17.9

There were 3 new Andover-Exeter meet records set.

Hannah Cole in the discus (126ft. 1in.)

Deysia Dundas, Jocelyn Isenburg, Meagan Pahl, & Momo Akade in the 4x1 (50.8)

Taliser Avery in the pole vault (ties at 8ft.)

Letter winners are: Girls-Anne Abbott, Avra Ackerman, Momo Akade, Taliser Avery, Lindsay Burt, Hannah Cole (capt.), Cheryl Dawson (manager), Deysia Dundas, Lucy Greene, Sharon Husbands, Jocelyn Isenburg, Allie Jay, Jenny McJunkin, Happy Menocal, Jasmine Mitchell, Beibhinn O'Donoghue, Julia O'Hern, Meagan Pahl, and Heather Smith. **Boys**-Luis Adaime, Lewis Brown, John Costantino, Colin Dinneen, John Friedman, Barrett Hamilton, Trum Haskell, Erik Jungbacker, Alex Kehlenbeck, Kam Lasater, Drew Maletz, Nnamdi Okike (capt.), Ben Phillips, Kyle Preman, Bryan Saunders, Justin Voccola, Beau Williams, and Tim Williamson.

Season Bests

Anne Abbott 2:43.1; 5:11.56; 11:44.7	Luis Adaime 19.32; 46.9; 58.3R
Avra Ackerman 2:26.87; 5:37; 66.3R	Eric Baer 13.4; 28.1
Momo Akade 12.81 (12.6); 26.8	Jay Blitzer 7' 6"
Taliser Avery 9' 7"; 64.7; 65.6R	Lewis Brown 11.0; 23.1
Rachel Berry 22' 8"; 55' 8"	John Costantino 139' 4"; 36' 5"
Shanna Bowie 21' 5.5"; 52' 8"	Pat Curtis 2:20.9; 4:47.3; 10:50.1
Liz Bramwell 65' 2"J	Al Dahya 15' 4.25"; 13.4
Lindsay Burt 62.44; 2:33.4; 4' 2"; 62.2R	Colin Dinneen 54.1; 2:01.6; 51.9R
Charlene Caputo 2:43; 69.9R	Angus Dwyer 57.6R
Sooyun Chung 63' 8"D	Malick Fall 5' 2"; 16' 10"; 40' 1"; 121' 1"
Hannah Cole 127' 8"; 34' 0"; 87' 9"	Sebastian Fallert 112' 11"
Amanda Cross 29' 9.5"; 64' 2"J	JohnFriedman 2:02.7; 4:03.06; 8:50; 55.9R
Deysia Dundas 13.2; 26.91; 63.0; 64.6R	Ali Ghaffari 105' 8"
Lucy Greene 17.9; 49.1; 63.8R	Barrett Hamilton 4:28.05; 2:09.7; 55.8R
Sydney Hartsock 13.8; 13' 7.75"; 24' 9"	Trum Haskell 154' 0"
Andrea Hunt 57' 4"D	Hiro Hayano 12.8; 27.3
Sharon Husbands 28.0; 63.0; 64.4R	Sean Holland 12.9; 27.9
Jocelyn Isenburg 13.31; 27.41; 64.1; 66.3R	Erik Jungbacker 10' 0"
Cynthia Isoh 19.9; 30.0; 56.1	Peet Karnasuta 99' 3"; 117' 5"J; 27' 8"
Allison Jay 2:41.9; 5:20.0; 11:35.4; 66.8R	Harris Kupperman 27' 2"; 46' 11"D
Tiffany Joseph 23' 4"; 48' 0"D	Kam Lasater 16.42; 42.13; 5' 6"; 53.9R
Lois Kim 14.0; 29.8	Allen Lee 108' 1"J
Kirsten Lewis 57' 4"J	Drew Maletz 52.0; 1:58.19; 51.1R
Marisa Manheim 4' 4"	Jim Mangan 41' 5"; 98' 10"
Katherine Mason 5:35.0; 11:53.0	Ian Mansfield 76.7
Christina McDonough 2:32.3; 66.8R	Nnamdi Okike 22' 4.75"; 45' 2.5"; 50.55; 50.5R
Jenny McJunkin 5' 0"; 16' 5"; 31' 9"	KC Osuji 13.3
Happy Menocal 2:43.1; 5:12.73; 73.9R	Ben Phillips 2:19; 4:23.0; 9:20.09
Laura Mistretta 4' 4"; 13' 8.5"; 28' 0"	Kyle Preman 20' 8"; 42' 7"; 5' 6"
Jasmine Mitchell 11:35.7; 79.9R	Argilio Rodriguez 4:33.5; 9:53.9; 61.6R
Beibhinn O'Donoghue 2:30.03; 5:12.7; 70.2	Jonathan Ross-Harrington 39' 4"; 97' 11"
Julia O'Hern 32' 0"; 96' 3"; 56' 11"J	Chris Sand 10:15.5
Lucy Phillips 6:24.4	Bryan Saunders 21' 8.25"; 43' 1.75"; 5' 8"; 11.8; 37' 1"
Kathrina Platt 14.2	Karim Savul 13.8
Meagan Prael 17.79; 52.42	Adam Schoene 10:37.6; 5:00.6
Christina Richardson 4' 6"	Kurt Spring 9' 0"
Jocelyn Robinson 76' 7"	Aaron Stearns 89' 6"
Shevon Rockett 18.20; 55.3; 13.6	David Thompson 11.9; 24' 9"; 15' 0.25"
Heather Smith 15' 3.25"; 29' 11"	Justin Voccola 11.5; 24.4; 18' 5.5"; 37' 3.25"
Kelsey Welsch 3' 10"	Beau Williams 49.31; 22.6; 11.0; 6' 2"; 49.3R
Cynthia Yee 4' 6"; 14.9	Tim Williamson 42' 6.5"; 105' 0"; 81' 9"J

SPRING AWARDS

1997-98

WILLIAM H. BROWN CREW TROPHY - To that boy and girls student who have contributed most in the way of team spirit and sportsmanship to the Crew.

BOYS RECIPIENT: Michael McGowan

GIRLS RECIPIENT: Caroline Pollak

HULBURD LACROSSE TROPHY - To that senior player who typifies enthusiasm, character, and the winning spirit, qualities instilled in Andover players from 1956-1971 by Robert P. Hulburd.

Recipient: Peter Rumbold

KALKSTEIN LACROSSE AWARD - To the most valuable player whose performance, spirit and character inspired the team to excel.

Recipient: Kyle O'Brien

LUX LACROSSE TROPHY - To that player who, through her enthusiasm and love for the sport, has imparted to her teammates the will to win.

Recipient: Helen Struck

BANTA TENNIS TROPHY - To that boy and girl member of the Varsity Tennis team who shows sportsmanship, leadership and character throughout the season.

BOYS RECIPIENT: Peter Christodoulo

GIRLS RECIPIENT: Robin Lee

SOROTA TRACK TROPHY - To that boy and girl member of the winter and spring varsity track teams who exhibits outstanding character and the will to win.

BOYS RECIPIENT: Nnamdi Okike

GIRLS RECIPIENT: Hannah Cole

COACHES' AWARD: Taliser Avery

HARRISON BASEBALL AWARD - Given in honor of Ted Harrison by the Class of 1938 to the Outstanding all-around performer on the Phillips Academy varsity baseball team who best represents the qualities of sportsmanship, dedication and the will to win.

RECIPIENT: Tony Dent

COACHES' AWARD: Brian Heighington

WENNIK SOFTBALL AWARD - To that member of the softball team excluding the captain who in the judgment of the captain and coach exemplified the spirit of Andover softball.

RECIPIENT: Sarah Corbin

MVP CYCLING

RECIPIENT: William Glass

RECIPIENT: Ashley Langer

KAZICKAS GOLF TROPHY - To that member of the varsity golf team who is, over the course of the season, the low medalist.

RECIPIENT: Ned Yetten

DANCE AWARD

RECIPIENTS: Vanessa Ho, Sarah Josselyn, Ellen Yang

SPRING SPECIAL ATHLETIC AWARDS

1997-98

PARKER-SPRAGUE GOSS TROPHY - To that cluster whose "A" teams have finished highest in the standings for the entire year.

Recipient: WEST QUAD NORTH

HAROLD J. SHERIDAN AWARD - Awarded annually to a student participating in our Cluster (Club) athletic program who has made the outstanding contribution to Cluster Athletics.

Recipient: ANDREW (TAD) WARSHALL

PRESS CLUB AWARD - To a boy and a girl who have shown through their performances on the Athletic Fields that they have been the most capable athletes of the past year.

Recipient: CAROLINE POLLAK

Recipient: BEAU WILLIAMS

RAY TIPPETT AWARD -Awarded annually to a senior member of the Varsity Football and/or Varsity Baseball team whose loyalty, courage, and modesty exemplify the character of Ray Tippet and best traditions of Phillips Academy Athletics.

Recipient: TONY DENT

THE ABBOT ATHLETIC AWARD - Awarded annually to a girl who has excelled in varsity sports and whose loyalty and good sportsmanship exemplify the highest ideals of Andover athletics.

Recipient: WHITNEY GRACE

SCHUBERT KEY - Awarded annually to a member of the Senior Class who has excelled in Varsity athletics and who has exemplified the qualities of sound character, cheerfulness and good sportsmanship on the athletic field.

Recipient: KYLE O'BRIEN

